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## Sides agree 'in principle' on Golan security needs

HILLEL KUTTLER  
WASHINGTON

The Israeli and Syrian chiefs of staff have agreed in principle on "the need for a separation and thinning of forces, and the need for early warning," an Israeli official said here last night.

The official cautioned that no agreement has been reached on early-warning stations, but only on the need to establish a system for preventing surprise attacks.

In their second day of meetings at an army base here yesterday, the sides agreed to establish working groups to handle security matters, presumably to begin meeting in mid-July, when talks are scheduled to resume.

The chiefs of staff, Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and Hisham Shihabi, and their teams are due to meet for 30 minutes at the White House this morning with President Bill Clinton and may reconvene afterward before heading home.

Israel and Syria held substantive discussions yesterday on military confidence-building measures, but appeared still far apart. Jerusalem believes some form of cooperation would be helpful even while negotiations proceed, while Damascus considers that a step only feasible once a peace agreement is reached.

Israeli officials described the atmosphere between the two sides as "businesslike and serious, but comfortable," with officials sharing an occasional joke and team members talking informally in the corridors.

But the Syrians seemed to be adhering to a formal framework, leaving the facility during the lunch recess while the Americans and Israelis ate in the officers' dining hall.

During the negotiations, which include US officials, all four members of the Israeli team have spoken, while only Shihabi has articulated Syria's positions.

## Phillipine envoy suspected of wrongdoing

RAINE MARCUS

ALLEGATIONS of improper behavior and financial irregularities by Philippine Ambassador to Israel Rosalinda Perio Santos are being examined by the government in Manila and the Foreign Ministry here. The Jerusalem Post has learned.

Officials, businessmen and private individuals complained about alleged impropriety by Perio Santos involving the improper use of embassy money gathered from fund-raising, involvement with a Philippine labor recruiter, and private commercial deals.

One of the complaints came from Gideon Reiss, chairman of the Israeli-Philippine Friendship Society. Reiss said he donated \$1,500 to the embassy in January for a conference table at Perio Santos's request. He received no receipt or confirmation of the donation, and later discovered that the check had been deposited in the ambassador's personal account.

Reiss then wrote to the ambassador, demanding a receipt. Instead, he received a check for the full sum from another one of the ambassador's private personal accounts.

Perio Santos told the Post yesterday that Reiss had offered her a donation, but she had not solicited it. She said she told Reiss the embassy was "in the process of buying furniture."

According to sources, Perio Santos also exported uncut diamonds and gold jewelry, bought from a diamond dealer here, when she went for a visit to the Philippines in February.



Terror victims Liora Megidish and Ilana Yosef protest yesterday at the Prime Minister's Office. Story, Page 2. (Brian Hendler)

## Declaration of principles likely to precede signing of autonomy pact

DAVID MAKOVSKY and JON IMMANUEL

SINCE the July 1 target date for an Israel-PLO agreement on the next stage of autonomy is not likely to be met, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat are expected to announce a series of partial agreements over the weekend.

This view is shared by peace negotiator and Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, and a non-Israeli diplomatic source who has met with Arafat. Sarid predicted a final agreement will be reached "within the next 10 days."

An official in the Prime Minister's Office said there is "no way" a complete deal can be worked out by the weekend.

Terje Larsen, head of the UN mission in the territories, who has been involved in the negotiations since the start of Oslo talks in 1993, told Reuters: "I am utterly convinced we'll have a fully-fledged agreement very close to the target date of July 1 in full consistency with the Oslo accord."

Palestinian negotiator Ahmed Oreia held a third day of talks yesterday with Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir.

Meanwhile, the committee on Palestinian prisoner releases, headed by Prime Minister Moshe Shahal and PA Planning Minister Nabil Shaath, is scheduled to meet today, as a partial prisoners' hunger strike enters its 12th day. The panel will be convening for the first time in over a year.

One Israeli official predicted that "several hundred, perhaps close to 1,000, or even more" prisoners will be released after today.

The General Security Service has prepared recommendations for those slated to be released. There are some 5,600 Palestinian prisoners still being held, 1,700 of them Fatah prisoners, with the remainder affiliated with Islamic or other rejectionist groups.

After meeting with the Victims of Arab Terror group yesterday, Shahal said publicly that prisoners "with blood on their hands" will not be released. Approximately 400 prisoners are believed to fall in that category.

Among the key differences remaining between the sides: • Redeployment: Sarid said last night he believed the Palestinians would agree to a compromise whereby the IDF would redeploy from Ramallah and Bethlehem by next April or May.

Israel is expected to redeploy from Jenin, Nablus, Tulkarm, and Kalkilya in advance of Palestinian elections this fall. However, it wants to hold off on redeploying from the other areas so bypass roads can be constructed for settlers in nearby areas.

However, Oreia told Reuters that Israel must redeploy from everywhere in advance of elections, expected this fall.

"Palestinians demand redeployment of Israeli troops from all towns, villages, and camps before elections are held... Elections will not take place under occupation," he said.

This suggests that the Palestinians want redeployment in Hebron, a Hamas stronghold, as well. Israel wants to avoid pulling out of Hebron, due to the pres-

ence there of some 400 Jewish settlers.

Non-Israeli diplomatic sources said the Palestinians insist that redeployment from all problematic areas can be attained by the deployment of Israeli-Palestinian joint patrols. According to Palestinian security sources, the sides are approaching agreement on the redeployment of troops outside two towns, but there is disagreement over which ones.

Some reports said current talks headed by Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan and Gen. Abdel-Razek Yihye are focusing on Jenin and Nablus, while others in preventive security said redeployment will begin in Jenin and Kalkilya.

But all the reports from the different branches of the Palestinian security and intelligence services expected agreement and the beginning of implementation within one month.

• Civilian Transfer of Authority: Israel is planning to transfer eight rather non-controversial spheres of authority to the Palestinians, including municipal authority and fuel. But issues of infrastructure, like water usage and control of public lands, remain problematic.

Energy Minister Gonen Segov issued a statement yesterday imploring the government not to turn over electricity grids to the Palestinians.

Estimating the grids' value at NIS 750 million, he said such a handover will jeopardize "regular supply of electricity provided both to Jewish settlements and IDF camps. It also will prevent a

linkup of grids with Jordan."

Non-Israeli diplomatic sources cited Palestinian complaints that Israel's chief negotiator for the civilian talks in Cairo, Maj.-Gen. Ilan Shohor, does not have the mandate to make compromises.

• Elections: Palestinians said they understood that the Israelis have agreed to "one-council with two organs - legislative and executive," a Palestinian election official said.

Mohammed Shateh, a member of the Palestinian election commission who three months ago said "nothing is moving," said yesterday the two sides had reached agreement concerning 90 percent of the eligible voters, while Palestinians had drawn up maps to facilitate voter registration showing each house in the territories.

However, there are still serious problems. The Palestinians are demanding the right of Jerusalem residents to participate as candidates.

"I don't think we will have an agreement without Jerusalem. There has been no experience on earth of people voting without being able to run as candidates," said Shateh.

"Either you accept Palestinians in Jerusalem being part of the package or you exclude them totally."

Shateh said Palestinians insisted this was the plain meaning of the word "participation" in reference to Jerusalem Arabs in the Oslo accords, and they would demand international arbitration if Israel did not accept their view.

## Rabin slams Netanyahu over leaked document

LIAT COLLINS and DAVID MAKOVSKY

THE prime minister and foreign minister blasted Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu last night, accusing him of making outrageous allegations regarding instructions to make concessions to the Syrians in Washington, and of obtaining and divulging "stolen internal military documents."

In a statement released last night by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's spokeswoman Aliza Goren, Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres denied having ever read the document in question, adding they certainly did not issue it as instructions to Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak for this week's talks with his Syrian counterpart.

Earlier, in the Knesset plenum, Peres insisted that Netanyahu had made the document up. But the document was apparently prepared by the IDF Planning Branch, with Goren saying it was one of many prepared in advance of Shahak's trip.

The discussion of the paper in the plenum came during no-confidence motions filed by the Likud and National Religious Party on the planned IDF withdrawal from towns in Judea and Samaria. The two motions were voted on together and defeated 54-48.

On Tuesday, Netanyahu said he had learned that Shahak was told to concede on the three principles of asymmetric geographic demilitarization, reduction of Syrian standing forces, and the presence of Israeli-manned early-warning stations on Mount Hermon.

Yesterday, he quoted from a document purporting to be the instructions, but refused to show the document to journalists.

"All rights are reserved to [you]. You wrote the document," Peres shouted at Netanyahu, adding "It's all a bluff."

In a press conference after his plenum speech, Netanyahu retracted his claim that the document was issued by Rabin himself, saying instead that it came "from the government."

He brushed aside questions as to how he got the document, but said "Someone high up in the

government system endangered himself because he is a patriot."

The document, entitled "Principles of Security Arrangements with the Syrians," is dated June 19 and comprises 17 clauses.

According to Netanyahu, the first clause reads: "The aim of the military group is to discuss the security arrangements that will be applied in the field within the framework of the peace agreement and to ensure the two states can live together in safety for a long time."

Clause 5a says: "The aim is to create a reality in which the two sides will have equal security margins with a smaller investment in military resources."

Clause 7a refers to a demilitarized no-man's land, and says the IDF can withdraw to a certain point while being able to meet security needs.

Clause 7b says the presence of foreign forces will act as a political deterrent against a decision to move armed forces into the Golan Heights.

Clause 9 says: "It is important to be reminded of the centrality of Mt. Hermon... our stand is the IDF should continue to receive information which is possible to receive only by a presence on Mt. Hermon. We need to discuss the possibilities of realizing this."

It does not clearly mention withdrawal from the Hermon, as Netanyahu claimed, but the Likud believes the implication of the word "discusses" is that the early warning stations will not be manned by Israelis.

Peres's speech in the plenum, which was constantly interrupted by heckling, focused on developing Labor's position that the withdrawal and autonomy were the Likud's idea, set out in the Camp David Agreement with Egypt.

"With all the new parties being established I call on you to establish another party - the 'Regrets Party.' Everything we've done is just a small part of what you promised to do," Peres told the Likud.

He accused the Likud of sowing panic. Responding to a claim that Jewish cities adjacent to Arab towns would be endangered by the IDF withdrawal, Peres said: "Kfar Sava will know how to defend itself."

## Ethiopian youths shunned by Jewish Agency meeting

DOZENS of Ethiopian youths demonstrated yesterday outside the Jerusalem International Convention Center, where the Jewish Agency Assembly was meeting, to protest a lack of educational opportunities.

They asked to be allowed to enter the building to meet with delegates, and when they were refused entry tried to force their way in. Police at the site pushed the youths away from the building.

Addis Eklon, one of the organizers, said 90 percent of young-

sters from the Ethiopian community are sent to vocational schools, and some 80 percent study in boarding schools for disadvantaged children. Of those Ethiopians who complete high school, hardly any earn a full matriculation certificate, he said.

"What is actually happening is that the Ethiopian youths are being pushed into the fringes of society to become workers," he said, adding that all involved authorities should work to secure funds for the community for extra help in studies, to pay for books and other needs. (Itim)

## Rebbe gets posthumous congressional medal

MARILYN HENRY  
WASHINGTON

IN a rare tribute, Congress celebrated the yahrtzeit of the Lubavitcher rebbe by awarding him a Congressional Gold Medal.

Hundreds of hassidim - as well as the chief rabbis of Israel, Paris, Johannesburg, Montreal, Rome, Casablanca and Melbourne, Australia - converged on the nation's capital yesterday for a "National Tribute to the Lubavitcher Rebbe."

Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson died last year at the age of 92. The rebbe's yahrtzeit is the third day of the Hebrew month of Tammuz, which falls on Saturday.

Ashtkenazi Chief Yisrael Meir Lau opened yesterday's session of the House of Representatives with a prayer for congressmen. "May they differ in approach and opinion, for they differ in persuasion and background, but let their ultimate goal be the betterment of the society," he intoned.

Schneerson, Lau said, "taught a world horrified by the darkness and terror of the Holocaust, of which I'm a lucky survivor, that his people, the Jewish people and indeed all humanity, essentially and ultimately will yet see a brighter future."

It was said to be the first time an Israeli chief rabbi had opened

a congressional session.

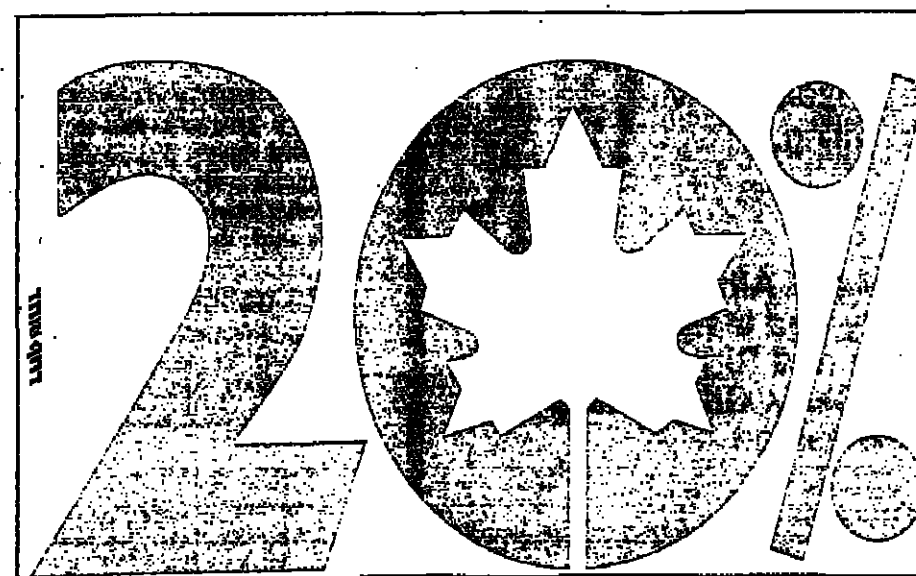
The rebbe was honored by Congress for his "outstanding and lasting contributions toward improvements in world education, morality and acts of charity," according to the bipartisan legislation that authorized the

medal.

"With the awarding of this medal, we recognize a revered leader who was a great moral inspiration, not only to the Lubavitch community and to Jews around the world, but to people of all religions and faiths," Presi-

dent Bill Clinton said when he signed the legislation awarding the tribute.

The medal, which is being financed by private donations, was to be received last night by Rabbi Abraham Sheintov, the Lubavitch representative in Washington and chairman of Agudas Chassidei Chabad, the umbrella for Lubavitch's far-flung organizations.



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# Anti-government group wants citizens to resist peace process

AN "ethical code" released yesterday by a group opposed to the government's peace moves calls on citizens to refuse to cooperate with the Palestinian Authority, to document information on "peace" crimes committed by government officials, and to actively resist the evacuation of settlements.

"We are in a situation where the Arab terrorist occupation is going to move into the center of the country, and this will raise questions for everyone," said Elyakim Ha'etzi, head of the Action Committee for Abolition of the Autonomy Plan, which published the pamphlet.

"If they [the government] are going to build industrial areas near Gaza, Jewish contractors will have to ask themselves if they have to cooperate with the Arab enemy, and to cooperate with those who collaborate with the terrorists, namely the government," Ha'etzi said.

HERB KEINON

Clause 2 of the code, which has 11 clauses, calls upon people to "refrain from collaboration with the terrorist system in spheres such as building, trade and commerce." It also calls on soldiers to refrain from any duty "carried out together or in conjunction with the terrorist authorities."

Terminology of the code states that settlers "are permitted active resistance...but they must abstain from acts that could cause bloodshed."

Ha'etzi said that this means that if soldiers try to evacuate settlers using their fists, the settlers can respond with blows; if soldiers come with sticks, the settlers can fight back with sticks. "But not with guns," Ha'etzi said, "because we are working on the premise that

even Rabin will not give the order to kill, and that soldiers would not carry out such an order."

The pamphlet, signed by 105 people including four MKs — Tsomet's Moshe Peled and Haim Dayan, Yit'nd's Esther Salmovitz and Mole-det's Rehavam Ze'evi — also includes rabbis, reserve officers and professors.

The group called upon people to keep evidence of "peace crimes" — such as "collaboration with a terrorist organization" and "damaging the economy for the benefit of the terrorist authority" — and said that future legislation will make it possible to prosecute "peace criminals."

Gush Shalom called the code an "open declaration of rebellion against the state and its democratic government." The organization said the "growing extremism of settlement leaders is an indication of their failure and frustration in light of the fact that the vast majority of the

country remains apathetic to their disgusting propaganda."

Meanwhile, another scuffle broke out between Jews and Palestinians as the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza continued its campaign to fence in state land near settlements so that the land will not come under PA jurisdiction.

Palestinian attorney Zuhair Khalil told Reuters that the settlers were, in addition to fencing in land near Ave-nei Hefetz, building a three-kilometer road from the settlement to link it up with the Green Line. He said the road was being built on land belonging to residents of the neighboring Arab village of Hafsi.

In a related development, settlement leaders said that a circular has been distributed in the territories calling upon Palestinians to block roads leading to settlements today. The settlement activists have called upon Jews to go to the site of any attempted roadblock and confront the Palestinians.



A Nablus resident adds tires to a blaze set in the town yesterday, as part of ongoing unrest by residents pressing Israel to release Palestinian prisoners. (Gideon Markovitz)

## Husseini joins hunger strike

FAISAL Husseini, the senior PLO official in Jerusalem, began a hunger strike yesterday to demand the release of Palestinian security prisoners.

At a press conference at the Red Cross building in eastern Jerusalem, Husseini also hinted the Palestinians would accept the release of Israelis charged with murdering Palestinians, in exchange for the release of Palestinians convicted of murder.

The government, however, has long maintained that Palestinian prisoners "with blood on their hands" would not be released.

"There are Israelis who have killed Palestinians, and Palestin-

BILL HUTMAN  
and agencies

ians who have killed Palestinians. They can be forgiven," Husseini said.

About a dozen other PLO activists in Jerusalem joined Husseini in the hunger strike. Hundreds of security prisoners have been on hunger strike for over a week. The issue of the prisoner releases has recently sparked sharp unrest in eastern Jerusalem and the administered territories.

"My conscience would not allow me to continue as if everything was normal," Husseini said. He said he would only drink water mixed with salt, like the prison-

ers, as long as they did.

Also yesterday, Arab lawyers began a boycott of the military courts as part of a campaign to press for the release of Palestinian detainees.

In Nablus, Palestinians rallying in support of the prisoners burned tires and hurled stones at soldiers who fired tear gas, stun grenades and rubber bullets. One protester was lightly hurt.

The IDF yesterday confirmed that, in dispersing a Nablus demonstration on Sunday in which three youths were fatally shot, live ammunition as well as rubber bullets was used, because the soldiers thought their lives were in danger.

## Israeli Arab council plans solidarity fast

DAVID RUDGE

ISRAELI Arab council heads yesterday decided to stage a 24-hour hunger strike next Monday in solidarity with the campaign to press for the release of Palestinian security prisoners.

The decision was taken at a meeting in Shfaram of the national committee of the Forum of Arab Council Heads.

The hunger strike is to be staged by mayors, council chairmen and councilors, as well as municipal employees.

The council leaders called on all

members of the Arab community to participate in the 24-hour fast. The aim is to put pressure on the government to implement the Oslo accord, which calls for the release of Palestinian prisoners.

Participants at the meeting noted that some Israeli Arabs had also been jailed for security offenses. As a separate matter, they also issued a call to the Israeli Arab electorate to vote in the next Knesset elections and not boycott them, as happened with Islamic Movement followers in previous elections.

## Terror victims' families demonstrate for attackers' extradition

EVELYN GORDON

THE families of three terror victims demonstrated opposite the Prime Minister's Office yesterday, in what they say is the beginning of a public effort to get their loved ones' murderers extradited by the Palestinian Authority.

Uri Megidish of Moshav Gan Or in Gaza was killed in March 1993; Gil Revah and Shlomo Kapah were killed in a double murder in Ramle in August 1994. Rajah and Amru Abu-Sita, who killed Megidish, are reportedly serving in the Palestinian Police.

The Megidish, Revah and Kapah families are demanding that the ministerial committee on prisoner releases, which is to meet today, follow Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair's advice and refuse to release Palestinian prisoners until the wanted men are extradited.

In a February letter to the government, Ben-Yair's assistant, Noam Solberg, noted that the PA's refusal to extradite the men is a clear violation of the Cairo Agreement, and that therefore, "there is room to consider applying pressure on the Palestinians on this matter — for example, by conditioning the release of prisoners [on the extraditions]."

The families said their next steps might include a hunger strike or a petition to the High Court of Justice, they said.

"We don't have anything to lose. We've already paid the highest possible price," said Yossi Revah, Gil's father. "They, both [Prime Minister Yitzhak] Rabin and [Foreign Minister Shimon] Peres, want to enter the history books on our backs. We are the victims of peace."

Revah noted bitterly that when his son was killed, the family did not receive a condolence letter from a single minister.

Sigal Megidish, Uri's sister, stressed that the families are asking only that the government enforce the agreement they themselves signed. Rabin, in past meetings with the families, has insisted the problem is a legal one, but Solberg's letter makes it clear that the legal avenues have been exhausted, and that getting the murderers has become a "purely political process," she said.

"This is a security issue of the highest level," Megidish added. "These people are in the Palestinian Police. They're running around with guns."

## Rabin to Diaspora Jewry: Be our partners, not our benefactors

LIAT COLLINS

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday called on Diaspora Jewry to be Israel's partner and not its benefactor.

Addressing Jewish Agency Assembly delegates at the Knesset, Rabin said: "We are not a poor country. If you want to be our partners, then be partners with us, but don't give to us as a charity."

Rabin also said he attributed

the country's economic growth to the government's channeling of funds away from the settlements.

On the diplomatic level, he repeated his stand that Iran and Islamic are the real threat to peace in the region, and said peace cannot be reached with Syria unless Israel withdraws from the Golan Heights.

Responding to a US-based group called the International Rabbinic Council for Israel, which issued a halachic ruling that it is not permissible to relinquish land, Rabin said: "Issues of peace and war are our business. Only those who send their children and grandchildren to the IDF have the right to say what will be Israel's policy, not rabbis from New York."

## Group of Labor MKs critical of Golan talks

LIAT COLLINS

THIRTEEN Labor MKs, including four ministers, reportedly sharply criticized the handling of the negotiations with Syria yesterday during a secret meeting initiated by MK Gedalya Gal.

At the meeting, held after the prime minister and foreign minister had left the Knesset, the 13 — including Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish, Health Minister Ephraim Sneh, Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, and Religious Affairs Minister

Shimon Shetret — decided to establish a forum to protect vital interests on the Golan.

These include keeping water sources in Israeli hands and maintaining a defensible border.

They also criticized Rabin for not keeping the cabinet or the Knesset informed about the negotiations.

They also discussed fears for the future of settlements close to

Jerusalem in view of the talks with the Palestinians, adding they fear the Labor Party and government is being swept to the left under Meretz's influence.

The other MKs composing this hard-line group within the party include Gal, Deputy Industry and Trade Minister Masha Lubelsky, Ya'acov Shefi, faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen, Elie Goldschmidt, Emanuel Zissman, Sallah Tarif, Yoram Lass and Avigdor Kahalani.

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**Prof. SIMON N. HERMAN**

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Segula, Ephraim, Benzion,  
Avital, Ido and children  
Brothers and sisters-in-law,  
Joe, Meyer, Ronnie, Miriam  
Ruth, Miriam and the family.

With deep sorrow, we mourn the passing of our  
dear mother and grandmother

**JANE DICKMAN**

The funeral will take place today, Thursday,  
June 29, at 11:30 a.m. at the Yarkon Cemetery.

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Aubrey and Paula (Rauch) Dickman  
Grandchildren, family and friends

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**Dr. LAZARUS LICHTENSTEIN**

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Lou Schoen and the entire family

חסידי ירושלים יחד עם כלל אנשי ציבור וקהל

To the Assa Family

Deepest condolences on your loss  
of a wonderful and dear person

**ALBERT (Berto) ASSA** ז"ל

May you know no further suffering

The Bendahan Family, Spain

In deep sorrow and grief, we announce the passing of the head of our family

**ALBERT (Berto) ASSA BEN-JAK** ז"ל

The funeral will take place today, Thursday, June 29, 1995 (1 Tamuz 5755)  
at 2:30 p.m. at the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery, Tel Aviv, leaving at 2 p.m.  
from the home of the deceased, 38 Rehov Hev B'lyar, Tel Aviv.

A bus will be provided for those participating.

Mourning by:

His wife: **Mati**  
Daughter and son-in-law: **Vered and Alberto Bendahan**  
Son and daughter-in-law: **Jeacky and Maly Assa**  
Brother and sister-in-law: **Moshe and Rina Assa**  
Grandchildren: **Zahy, Dany, Gila, Al and Ori**  
and the entire family in Israel and abroad

Shiva will be held at the home of the deceased

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Three die on roads

Three people were killed and seven seriously injured in road accidents yesterday. A driver, 20, died and five others were seriously hurt when their car veered into oncoming traffic and hit a truck on the Nahariya-Kabri road. A man was killed and his wife seriously hurt when their car was hit head-on by a truck near the Golan Junction. The trucker was detained. In Kiryat Motzkin, a boy, 3, was killed and another, 5, seriously injured when they were hit by a car backing up.

#### Man drowns off Herzliya coast

Rescuers pulled the body of drowning victim Alexis Bloch, 51, from the sea near Herzliya yesterday. Another man and a 14-year-old boy were rescued in the same operation and were reported in satisfactory condition. A search was continuing for another man believed still in the water.

#### Four charged in Dimona pub killing

Avi Abu, 18, of Dimona, was charged yesterday in Beersheba District Court with stabbing to death soldier Moshe Suissa with a beer bottle in a Dimona pub. Asher Bammolker, 19, and two 17-year-olds were charged with assault in the incident.

#### Testimony in Diniz trial ends

The defense rested its case yesterday in the trial of former Jewish Agency chairman Simcha Diniz. The Jerusalem District Court is to give its verdict by December. The last witness was Yehudit Aharonot reporter Anat Tal-Shir, who was asked about an article she wrote about Diniz's frequent trips abroad.

#### PA police in Gaza arrest Hamas fugitive

Gaza police have arrested a fugitive Hamas terrorist hunted by Israel for more than three years, witnesses and Hamas sources said yesterday. They said Said Arabid was arrested on Tuesday with a gun and hand grenade in his possession.

#### Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the king of spades, ace of hearts, ten of diamonds, and queen of clubs.

## Man gets life for burning grandmother to death

A GAN Yavne man was sentenced to life imprisonment by the Beersheba District Court yesterday for burning his grandmother to death.

Asher Yehiel, 36, of Gan Yavne, was found guilty of breaking into the home of his grandmother, Rina Yehiel, on February 28, 1994, carrying a container full of kerosene. He knocked her down, poured the kerosene on her, and set her alight. Yehiel confessed to the crime and reenacted it for the police.

Yehiel did not testify at the trial, and so his motive was never explained.

In making their ruling, the judges accepted the medical opinion of a psychiatrist who had treated Yehiel for many years and who met with him three days after the incident, and who concluded that he was not mentally ill.

In doing so, they rejected the opinion of another psychiatrist who examined him three-and-a-half months after the incident, and who had claimed he was psychotic.

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## Working mothers' overtime rules to be revised

SASHA SADAN

CIVIL Service Commissioner Yitzhak Gahoor has promised to revise the overtime guidelines for working mothers in the civil service.

Gahoor's move came after the case of employees at the Agricultural Ministry's Volcani Institute at Beit Dagan was brought forward.

Working mothers at the Institute were faced with regulations that overtime could only be clocked in after 4 p.m.

According to the collective wage agreement signed in 1989 the full-time hours of working mothers are 7 a.m. to 3:35 p.m., and any work done after that is considered overtime. But any who stayed on would lose 25 minutes of overtime pay.

Israel Women's Network attorney Rivka Meller took the case to the civil service commissioner, saying the policy discriminated against women with small children.



A police sapper prepares to open a 'suspicious' suitcase yesterday as part of a security exercise at Ben-Gurion Airport that included a mock attack by terrorists. A series of such exercises are being held this week in the capital and elsewhere to check the response of security and rescue units. (Flash 90)

## Rash of bank robberies continues unabated

DAVID RUDGE and film

FIVE more banks and post offices were robbed yesterday and a money changer was also held up, raising the almost daily toll of robberies to new levels.

The Knesset plenum was last night scheduled to hear motions by MKs from seven factions on the bank robberies issue.

The first in the latest series of thefts occurred in the morning at the Bank Hapoalim branch in Kiryat Motzkin, before it even opened to the public.

Two masked robbers waited near the rear entrance to the bank. When the deputy manager arrived they jumped on him, threatened him with pistols and pushed him inside.

The armed robbers then rifled through the tills and fled with over NIS 31,000.

Ten minutes later, at around 8:20, a masked robber pounced on a money changer in the stairway of the latter's home in Kiryat Yam. The robber threatened him with a pistol and forced him to hand over all his money.

The man then ran towards the coast and was seen getting into a

car with two other people inside. Police, acting on eyewitness accounts, arrested three suspects.

The police said they had recovered the \$90,000 in cash believed to have been stolen from the money changer.

Another morning robbery took place in Tzahal, where a branch of Bank Otzar Hahayal was robbed of NIS 8,000. A man armed with a pistol took the money from a teller and then escaped on a stolen motorbike.

In the afternoon there was another robbery in Kiryat Yam, this time at a post office branch. An armed man entered the branch office, threatened the teller and stole whatever money was in the till, escaping on foot.

In Herzliya, two armed men stole some NIS 1,000 from a post office branch. A grocery owner who was in the post office tried to prevent the men's escape, but the robbers beat him.

A postal bank branch in Netanya was robbed of NIS 3,000,

by a man armed with a knife. Meanwhile, a 61-year-old Israel Electric Company employee sent a handwritten fax to a Haifa branch of Bank Leumi, in which he announced a robbery and told the manager to fill a bag with money and take it out to a taxi waiting in front of the bank.

A bank employee recognized the handwriting as that of a customer who had been in shortly before and joked about being able to rob a bank by fax.

The man was arrested, questioned, and released on bail.

In a different sort of bank theft, Shlomo Udvar, 52, was remanded yesterday in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court on suspicion of fraud.

Police said he forged an identity card in the name of Rafaeli Daniel, a wealthy man from Ramat Gan, and then changed his own name to Rafaeli Daniel.

He then managed to bilk Bank Leumi out of NIS 200,000 by obtaining loans secured by properties owned by the real Rafaeli Daniel. Udvar was remanded for five days.

## Surrogate motherhood soon to be legal

EVELYN GORDON

THE government will in six months cancel the regulations outlawing surrogate motherhood, the state will tell the High Court of Justice today.

The court will be hearing a petition by 25 couples who cannot have children on their own, but who cannot afford an overseas surrogacy.

Yesterday, Justice Minister David Liba'i and Health Minister Ephraim Sneh decided the petitioners were right that such a matter cannot be dealt with merely by regulations. However, they will ask the court to leave the regulations in force for another six months to give them time to pass legislation on the issue.

This proposal may encounter criticism from the justices, however, who noted at the last hearing that all the women have a biological clock which is ticking, and the case has already dragged on for more than a

year. The proposed law will allow surrogacy for those who medically cannot have children, but will not permit it for reasons of convenience. It will require all surrogacy requests to be approved by a committee of experts, and the committee's decisions will be able to be appealed to a court.

The two ministers rejected Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair's suggestion that the matter was too sensitive to be dealt with in legislation, and should therefore be dealt with by the courts on a case-by-case basis. Precisely because of the sensitivity of surrogate motherhood, the issue ought to be regulated, they said. Liba'i added it is better to pass legislation permitting it than to wait until religious MKs submit private bills to ban it entirely.



## The Rebbe One Year Later

This Shabbos, which falls on the third day of Tamuz, will be commemorated by Jews the world over as the first anniversary of the passing of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, O.B.M.

The anniversary of his passing is sure to evoke images of extraordinary and charismatic leadership, the absence of which has been sorely noted since his death. More importantly, his *yahrtzeit* will awaken precious memories of his infinite love for every member of the Jewish nation, and his concern for humanity at large. This limitless love evidenced itself in unprecedented global projects, such as the network of thousands of personal emissaries whom he sent to both the largest and the smallest communities. Like Moses in the wilderness, the Rebbe faithfully and lovingly shepherded the Jewish nation after the calamity of the Holocaust, bearing their burdens selflessly.

We shall also memorialize the Rebbe as a supreme man-of-G-d, a man of inspired vision. His foreshadowing of events included Israel's triumph in the Six-Day War, the eventual victory in the Yom Kippur War, that Israel would remain secure throughout the Gulf War, and, perhaps most remarkably, the fall of Communism and the mass immigration of Soviet Jews to the Land of Israel.

We shall also recall that his concern for the Jewish people in general, and for the inhabitants of the Holy Land in particular, led him to cry out against any and all territorial concessions on the part of the Israeli government. He steadfastly opposed any retreat or compromise which, he predicted, would only lead to a greater loss of Jewish life and endanger the inhabitants of our ancient homeland.

The horrific and totally unnecessary bloodshed which has ensued since the Oslo accords sadly corroborates the Rebbe's vision, and should signal to the Israeli government that there be an immediate halt to their reckless path of appeasement. Not one inch may be forfeited.

Let us bring unity to the Jewish nation. Let us walk together, in the Rebbe's path, the path of G-d, the path of our Torah, which is also the secure path which leads directly to the fulfillment of G-d's promise, "I will bring peace to the land, and you shall sleep without anyone causing you to fear."

A faithful shepherd never abandons his flock, and likewise, Jewish tradition teaches that a leader of Israel never forsakes his people. We affirm confidently that, from the heavens, the Rebbe will continue to care for and intercede with G-d on the Jewish people's behalf, until we merit true peace and salvation, the long-awaited comfort of Zion and Jerusalem — the complete and final Messianic redemption.

Joseph I. Gutnick

The Rebbe's Personal Emissary for the Integrity of the Holy Land

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In the name of all those who miss him; his students, followers, and millions of admirers.

## Outpatient clinics opening late due to sanctions

JUDY SIEGEL

OUTPATIENT clinics in government hospitals will open two hours late, at 8 a.m., today as part of continuing sanctions by hospital administrative and maintenance workers. Yesterday, the hospitals' telephone exchanges did not answer between 10 a.m. and noon.

Their counterparts at Ichilov Hospital, a municipal-government-owned medical center, will hold a sympathy strike for half an hour today, opening outpatient clinics only at 8:30 a.m. The sanctions are being applied by 3,000 workers around the country in 30 general, geriatric and psychiatric institutions.

The union claims the government is not implementing decisions of the Padeh Committee for granting pro-

fessional advancement to workers.

"The Health and Finance Ministries are brutally denigrating the workers," charged union head Batya Levy. "They aren't implementing the decisions of the Padeh Committee, which requires the Health Ministry to sit with the union. Refusal to update workers' salary grades prevents them from getting wages they deserve."

Levy warned that if the government does not meet its commitments, sanctions will be expanded to include inpatient departments in the hospitals. The Health Ministry spokeswoman said it is negotiating with the Civil Service Commission to resolve the dispute. The next meet with be held on Sunday.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Radio launching new English news program

In response to pressure from English-speaking listeners, Israel Radio will on Sunday launch a half-hour news and current affairs magazine to be broadcast in prime time on Radio One. Greer Fay Cashman

#### Chicken liver factory ordered closed

The Tel Aviv District Health Office yesterday closed down a Bnei Brak chicken-liver processing factory, after it was found operating in filthy conditions. Inspectors who visited the Avigdor Rosenwald factory found that production takes place in a dirty caravan that lacks a business license. Judy Siegel

#### Zucker: Army renting out labor

The army is earning some NIS 120 million a year by "renting out" soldiers to work as clerks in government offices, Knesset Law Committee chairman Dedi Zucker (Meretz) said Tuesday. Zucker said about 7,000 soldiers a year are sent to government offices, and the army receives NIS 1,500 per month for each of them. Evelyn Gordon

#### Hadassah College to offer BA in computers

THE Council for Higher Education has decided to allow the Hadassah College of Technology to open a computer science program awarding a bachelor's degree. The council also approved the college's request to start a program in computers for practical engineers who want to prepare for academic studies. Judy Siegel

#### Ministry asked to register civil marriages

The Religious Affairs Ministry should begin registering civil marriages for people who cannot have a religious ceremony, such as the Falash Mura or interfaith couples, a petition to the High Court of Justice demanded. The petition, by attorney Yosef Ben-Menashe, says the law only specifies that people who can be married religiously must do so, so the ministry has residual authority over those who fall between the cracks. Evelyn Gordon



## Egypt-Sudan dispute turns ugly

CAIRO (Reuters) - A row between Egypt and Sudan over Muslim militant activity turned serious yesterday after six people were wounded on the border and Cairo gave free rein to Sudanese exiles clamoring to overthrow their government.

Egypt has long suspected the Islamist government in Khartoum of helping its Muslim militant enemies. Since Monday it has been hinting at a Sudanese role in the attempt to assassinate President Hosni Mubarak in Addis Ababa.

The two countries came to blows night in the disputed Halaib triangle on the Red Sea border, one of several sources of chronic tension. Mubarak then gave an audience, and some encouragement, to the excited Sudanese dissidents.

Egyptian security sources said three Egyptians and three Sudanese were wounded in the border clash. The defense ministry said soldiers were wounded on both sides but it gave no further details of the casualties.

Egyptian commandos have captured 10 armed Sudanese and the Egyptian armed forces have been reinforcing in the Halaib area since the assassination attempt, the security sources said. There was no further shooting yesterday, they added.

## Gulf nations recognize Qatar emir

DUBAI (Reuters) - Qatar's new emir yesterday won the vital recognition of his Gulf Arab partners, one day after he ousted his father in a bloodless palace coup.

By yesterday evening all other five Gulf Cooperation Council states, including the dominant nation Saudi Arabia, had recognized Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani as the new emir, reducing the possibility of any opposition to the takeover within Qatar, diplomats said.

The change in Qatar had caused apprehension in a region where family feuds had decreased in recent years, they said. Sheikh Hamad ousted his father Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad al-Thani on Tuesday in a bloodless coup.

Yesterday he sent two of his brothers - Sheikh Mohammad, the finance minister, and Sheikh Abdullah, the interior minister - to Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman and the United Arab Emirates with messages to their leaders.

The official media in the four states referred to Sheikh Hamad as the new Emir of Qatar.

Saudi Arabia had early yesterday recognized him as the new emir and wished him success. Oman had already done so.

## At least 4 killed in Sarajevo as missile hits TV building

SARAJEVO (AP) - Bosnian Serbs yesterday bombed Sarajevo's TV building and a nearby house, killing at least four people and wounding at least 36, including foreign journalists.

UN officials said the explosions were caused by a home-made rocket bomb, probably consisting of four high-caliber shells strung together and launched by rocket.

"They're crude but can cause tremendous damage," said UN spokeswoman Maj. Myriam Sochacki.

The bomb hit the second floor of the concrete, six-story building, destroying several TV offices, including that of AP-TV.

First pictures showed people with bloodied faces being led through a maze of broken glass, broken furniture and twisted metal.

Many of the injuries were caused by broken glass. Those wounded were taken to different hospitals in the Bosnian capital.

The top four floors of the TV building are not used. The reinforced concrete structure located in western Sarajevo, just east of the UN headquarters, was built for the 1984 Winter Olympics.

The bombings occurred during a sharp increase in artillery exchanges in the western part of Sarajevo. Shelling in the area, mostly from government positions, began at around 8 a.m. and continued four hours after the first attack.

About an hour after the attack on the TV tower, an explosion rocked an apartment building across the street, wounding an unspecified number of people and killing at least three.

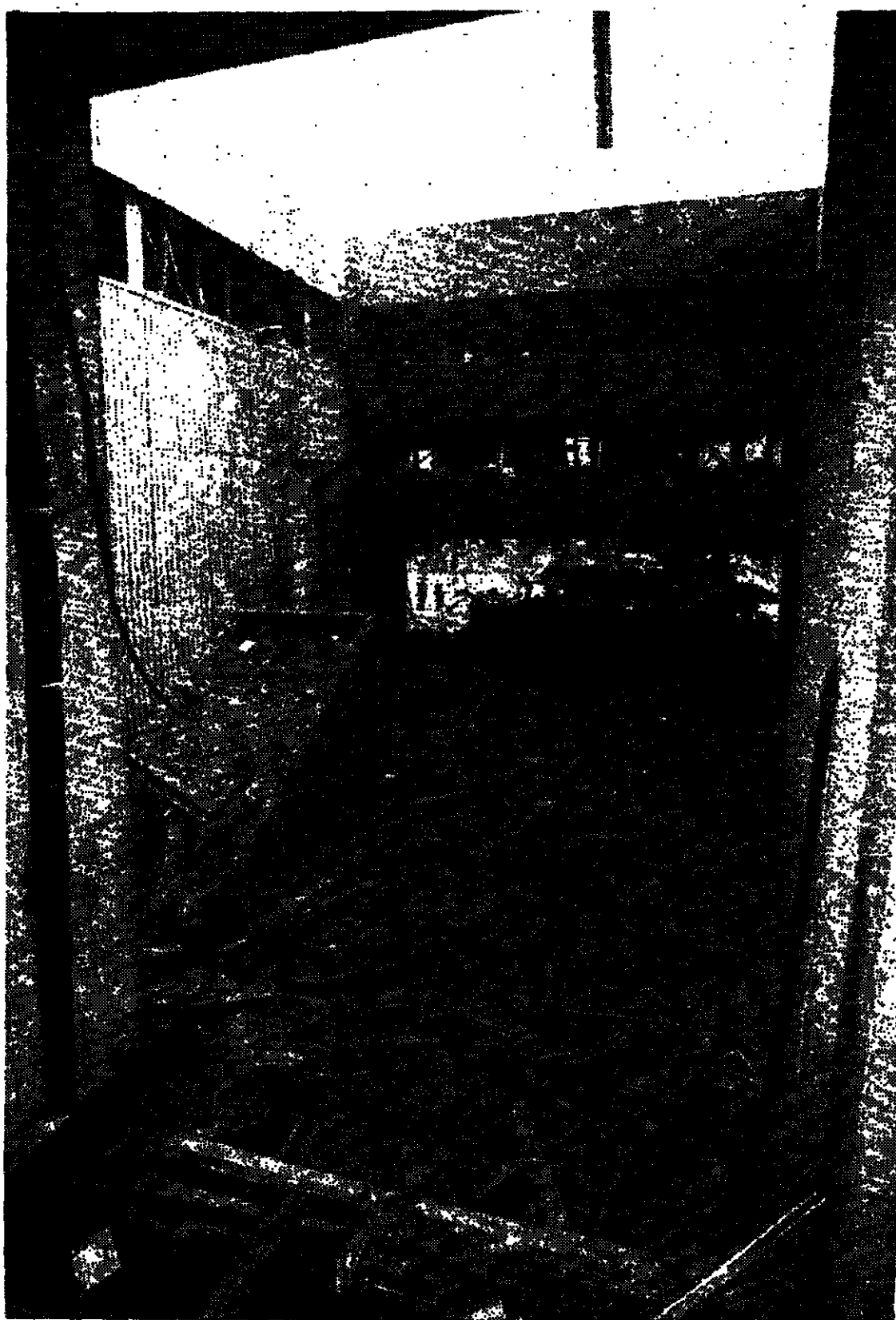
Witnesses said the AP-TV office in the building was destroyed and at least three wounded APTV staffers - Eldar Emric, Asja Resovac and Mirsad Helac - were taken to hospitals.

Also injured were Worldwide Television News' Faridoun Hemani, a Canadian citizen, and Cable News Network employee David Albritton, a US citizen. Albritton's injuries were serious but not life-threatening, UN spokesman Lt. Col. Gerard DuBois said.

Elsewhere, the eastern enclave of Zepa came under fierce artillery attack late Tuesday, UN spokeswoman Maj. Myriam Sochacki said.

Ukrainian peacekeepers in Zepa said their base narrowly escaped damage in a two-hour barrage of 120-mm shells. Sochacki said Serbs initiated the assault, the first serious shelling of the enclave this year.

Bosnian government radio reported many people killed and wounded. It said the wounded



A view of the television center in Sarajevo, after it was hit by a missile yesterday. (Reuters)

could not be taken to the overflowing military hospital, and instead were sent to houses, cellars and shelters instead.

Serbs have been shelling Sarajevo in apparent retaliation for a government offensive launched June 15 to begin cracking the siege

of the capital.

The Serbs claim they pushed back the offensive. But Bosnian government officials say their campaign will last all summer.

Yesterday was a major Serb holiday, St. Vitus Day. June 28 also marked the anni-

versary of the 1389 Battle of Kosovo Polje, at which Turks routed the Serbs and established centuries of Ottoman rule.

For Serbs, the day commemorates their struggle to keep their identity and Orthodox Christian faith under Turkish domination.

## Actor Hugh Grant regrets car-sex incident

LONDON (Reuters) - Heart-throb actor Hugh Grant was due to fly home to Britain yesterday to face his partner, actress-model Liz Hurley, after being arrested in Los Angeles for allegedly having sex with a prostitute.

Grant, 34, who rose to stardom

as a shy, romantic aristocrat in the smash film hit *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, apologized for doing something "completely insane" and said he realized his "lewd act" had hurt the people he loved.

Reporters said a tearful Grant was allowed telephone calls from the Los Angeles police station where he was held. One call was to 28-year-old Hurley, whose porcelain skin has made her the new face of Estee Lauder.

"It was a very short call. I am told. Basically he was crying that

it was all a mistake and how sorry he was," *LA Globe* reporter Marian Norman told Britain's Independent Radio News. "She ended the call rather quickly."

The scandal made banner headlines - "Hugh Blows It With Hooker" and "You've Blown It Hugh" - made references to LA police officers' allegations that, when police found him, he was being given oral sex in a car by prostitute Divine Brown, 23.

Friends said the Grant-Hurley relationship would weather the storm. "I am sure they will cope

adequately," said Lord Henry Brocklehurst, at whose home Hurley spent the night in an effort to avoid the media. "It was as surprised as anybody else."

Hurley was at a London hotel yesterday meeting beauty editors for her Estee Lauder contract. When journalists discovered the location it was besieged.

Estee Lauder is unlikely to relish its golden girl dealing with the scandal. "Of course, the campaign will still go ahead," said its advertising agency spokeswoman, Collett Dickinson Pearce.

## Japan, US reach car trade agreement

News agencies

WASHINGTON - The United States and Japan reached agreement in Geneva yesterday to resolve their car trade dispute "in a major step for free trade throughout the world," President Bill Clinton announced.

In Geneva, US Trade Representative Mickey Kantor hailed the deal and said it would have an important economic impact on both Japan and the United States.

In a statement handed out in Geneva, Kantor said: "It will have an important economic impact on both of our economies - the world's two largest - as its effects multiply through not only the automotive sectors, but its scores of supplier industries as well."

"Today, Japan has agreed that it will begin to truly open its auto and auto-parts markets to American companies," Clinton said during an appearance in the White House press room. "This agreement is specific. It is measurable. It will achieve real, concrete results."

Clinton said the deal hammered out by the top-level US and Japanese negotiators in Geneva would avert the need for imminent US sanctions against imports of luxury Japanese cars.

Clinton said most specifics would be announced in Geneva, but he did disclose that Japan would take steps to increase the number of dealers selling non-Japanese cars "by 200 next year and 1,000 over the next five years." He also said Japan would "begin to undo the rigid regulations of its market for repair parts," and Japanese car makers would expand US-based production and buy more American parts.

"This breakthrough is a major step for free trade throughout the world," the president said. "This agreement will not solve every problem in our relationship, but...hard bargaining and good faith can overcome apparently insurmountable conflict."

The deal means Washington will now drop its threatened sanctions against \$5.9 billion worth of Japanese luxury automobile imports. These were meant to come into force at US midnight last night.

A Japanese trade ministry official, Osamu Watanabe, said Japanese automobile manufacturers would announce voluntary plans to step up purchases of American cars and auto parts - one of the key demands of the United States.

In return, the United States had softened its stance on numerical targets on sales as a way of measuring progress in opening the spare parts and dealership markets. Japan has resisted this as being the same as quotas and says it cannot force companies to buy American products.

The breakthrough came after talks with Kantor and his Japanese counterpart Ryutaro Hashimoto to reach a deal to open Japan's market to more American cars and spare parts.

"We want a concrete, meaningful, strong market opening agreement," Kantor told NBC television. "It's time that Japan played fair, played by the rules and began to level the playing field."

Automobile sources in Japan said the country's five main car companies had plans to increase investment in overseas plants and step up purchases of foreign auto parts - a main US demand.

## Major defends policy on Europe

LONDON (Reuters) - British Prime Minister John Major refused yesterday to bend government policy to please anti-European Conservatives who have pledged to oust him as leader of the ruling party.

Major predicted he would score a handsome victory next Tuesday over ex-cabinet minister John Redwood, a right-winger who wants to stop further British integration with Europe.

"I am very confident indeed about the outcome of the campaign. I think we'll have a very handsome win on the first ballot and the matter will then be concluded," Major said.

"I look forward to the Conservative Party completely uniting and turning all its fire on its political opponents."

But speculation swirled that Michael Portillo and Michael Heseltine, cabinet ministers considered to pack more of a punch than Redwood, could desert Major if he fails to crush his opponent in the first round of the ballot.

Major was greeted by opposition taunts of "Cheerio" on his first appearance in parliament since he resigned the leadership and announced the snap ballot.

Reporting on the European Union summit in Cannes, Major said Europe was bending Britain's way. Redwood's vow never to subsume the pound in a single European currency was bad tactics.

"My guiding principle is to do what I believe is in our national interest; to argue for Britain's interests in Europe and to build a Europe which carries the trust of the British people. That I will continue to do," a defiant Major said.

Arguing that European leaders were now moving towards his "wait-and-see" policy on European monetary union, Major refused to back down and permanently rule out British entry into a single European currency as the Euro-rebels have demanded.

But Major, whose campaign has been rocked by Redwood's punchy, populist approach, was given a rough ride by opposition leader Tony Blair, whose new-look Labor Party is riding high in opinion polls.

"If the divisions are so deep and irreconcilable that the Conservatives cannot govern themselves, why on earth should they be trusted to govern the country?" Blair said to cheers.

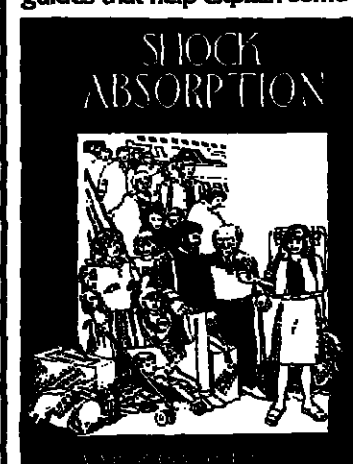
Redwood, 44, sought to keep up the momentum yesterday, promising deep tax cuts immediately if he won the contest.

Recent tax rises angered voters, who see the Conservatives as out of touch and arrogant after 16 years in power.

To win Major needs to secure the votes of 165 of the 329 Conservative MPs in the lower House of Commons in the first round, and to beat his challenger by a straight 50 votes.

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# Cool air for the 'me' generation

OFF THE SHELF

MARTHA MEISELS

IT'S not an air conditioner, but Amcor claims its Cool-Flow personal cooler can help you beat the heat, especially in the drier areas of the country. It costs NIS 280, and works on the desert-cooler principle, with water.

Warm air from the room is drawn through a water-soaked cooling coil. The air blown back into the room is cooler by as much as 7°C. The three liters of water it holds are said to be enough for 10 hours of continuous use before refilling.

The personal cooler is meant to stand atop a desk or table and cool the face and upper body of a person sitting opposite it.

It can throw cooled air to a distance of 70 to 80 cm. It can also be placed near a sleeping person at night—but you'd need a pair of them for a couple, Amcor admits.

The personal cooler—*matzen ishi* in Hebrew—will work best in areas like Jerusalem and the South, where humidity is low. The manufacturer says this water-cooling method can even lower air temperature in the humid Coastal Plain, but not as effectively.

Its power consumption is only 25 watts at high speed, 18 watts at low speed.

IF IT'S too darn hot indoors, you may want to lie in a hammock and read a book. You don't even need a tree to hang it on.

Polysack offers a free-standing hammock called *Atzma'i Bashe-tah* (literally "free in the field"), which comes with its own stand, which you assemble anywhere. It sells for NIS 200. It is said to be strong enough to hold two adults.

A more traditional version, which does require supports to hang it from, is the Reshet P ("net P") model, at only NIS 75. Both are available at DIY, camping and gardening shops.

Polysack, which belongs jointly to the kibbutzim Nir Yitzhak and Sufa in the western Negev, says it is the only local firm manufacturing hammocks.

IF YOU think sleeping bags are cozy for two, you've obviously not seen the model called the Mummy (*mu'miya* in Hebrew), imported by Gad Camping. It looks barely wide enough for one.

This narrow, tapered sleeping bag—80 cm. wide at the top, but only 55 cm. lower down—sells for NIS 79.

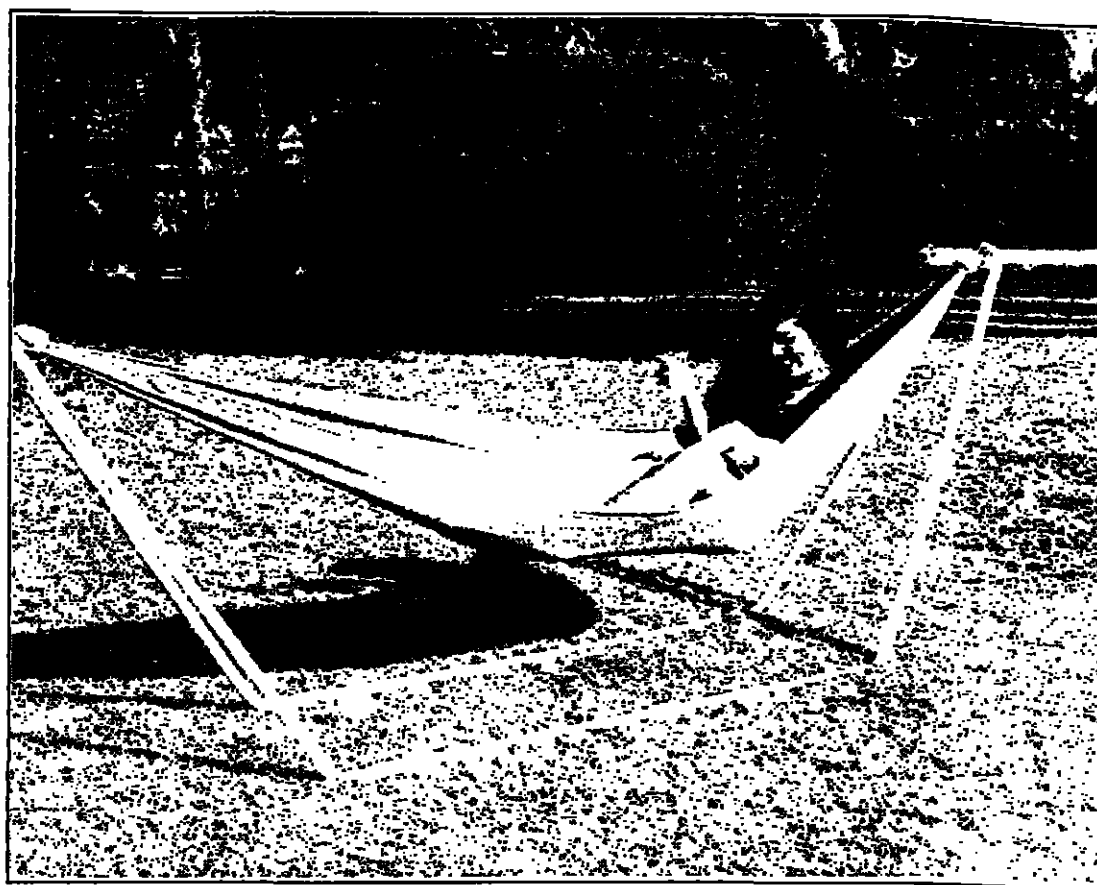
If you can't find it at stores, you can order from the importer, at 03-561-9122. It is said to be waterproof.

LIGHT READING for summertime doesn't have to be heavy on the pocketbook.

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You can also place phone orders, with payment by credit card, for US paperbacks from Granit at cover-price-plus-VAT.



The books will be sent by mail, not messenger, and the shipping fee is NIS 5 for every three books or fewer.

YOU NEED to feed your lawn—if you have one—only three times a year with the new generation of Ecogan Lawn Fertilizer (*Ecogan Dshen* in Hebrew). The optimal months for lawn feeding are said to be March, July and November.

The new Ecogan has a controlled-release feature, three to four months in duration. The product is made by Kedem Chemicals of Ashdod. The label has some English, but instructions are Hebrew-only. A one-kilo bag costs NIS 15.90 and will suffice for 50 square meters of grassy lawn. A five-kilo sack, for a 250-meter area, is NIS 55.20.

YOU DON'T need a lawn to host a midsummer night's wine-and-cheese party.

You can impress your guests with a selection of imported cheeses from the current Super-Sol/Hypercol International Cheese Festival.

The cheeses come from France, Denmark, Holland, Switzerland and the US. All are certified as kosher. Super-Sol's management says they are made from "balav Yisrael," which means the milk was under kashrut supervision from the time of milking.

Prices are on the high side, but most types are being sold by weight, rather than prepackaged, so customers can buy small samplings.

That's a good idea. I bought 100 grams of a beautiful bright orange French cheese called *Mimolette*—and found it tasted like plastic. My family also found the round, brightly wrapped Dutch Gouda cheeses, flavored with vegetables, herbs and/or spices, to be waxy and generally disappointing.

On the other hand, the Swiss Emmentaler (traditional Swiss cheese) and the Danish Blue (blue-veined, Roquefort-style) were received enthusiastically in my household.

The European hard cheeses range in price from NIS 4.25 to NIS 7.90 per 100 grams. There are also soft yellow cheeses, such as Brie and Camembert, and salty white feta. The sole American entries are the well-known Kraft's Philadelphia Cream Cheese, at NIS 9.90 per 227-gram package, and the companion Whipped Philadelphia, at NIS 10.90 for the same quantity.



Polysack's free-standing hammock supports up to two adults; Polybid offers helmets for bicycle riders; perfect gift for religiously observant travelers: the handy Jerusalem Shabbat Kit, complete with candlesticks, havdala candle, sachet of cloves and a card printed with the grace after meals.

A GOURMET, pricey wine for special occasions is Carmel's Merlot 1993, released in just 33,126 bottles. It is made entirely from Merlot grapes and is aged for 14 months.

This is called an "estate wine," as all the grapes for it come from a single vineyard. It is in the Ramat Arad area in the South, which has a huge differential in daytime and nighttime temperatures at ripening season.

A bottle of Carmel Merlot costs NIS 48 and is available only

at select wine shops.

IF YOU'RE traveling this summer, you may be interested in The Jerusalem Shabbat Kit, with all the basic equipment to celebrate Shabbat away from home. Made by Barbara Shaw Design, it has silver-plated candlesticks, holders, a halla cover with a gold print of Jerusalem, a bright-colored havdala candle, a sachet of cloves, and a printed card with the grace after meals. Everything fits into a decorative beige cloth

pouch, secured by a Velcro-type closer.

It would make an appropriate gift for religiously observant friends or relatives abroad. It sells for NIS 99, direct from Barbara Shaw, 02-619369, or at two Jerusalem shops: Ben-Shalom, 19 Ben-Yehuda St., and Shorashim, 3 Tiferet Yisrael in the Jewish Quarter.

WHETHER bicycling, skateboarding or roller-blading is your child's favorite summer activity, a good helmet can prevent almost 90 percent of serious injuries, says the National Accident Prevention Council. It has been conducting a safety campaign with the slogan "*Kasda Berash Tov*" (roughly, "a smart head wears a helmet").

The council endorses the helmets made by Polybid of Kibbutz Mishmar Hanegev. These helmets have the standards approval of both the German and US authorities.

The kibbutz firm makes helmets under a variety of model names—among them Polyair, Polyspeed, Shield, Kidstar and Polykid.

Some are made in Israel, some in Taiwan, but all under direct Polybid supervision.

In local bicycle and sports shops, these helmets retail for NIS 80 to NIS 120. Polybid's helmet project manager, Sinai Passal, says it is best to go shopping with the person for whom the helmet is intended, to find the most comfortable style and size. In addition, each helmet comes with insert paddings of varying thicknesses, to facilitate a snug fit.

Kidstar helmets come small enough for babies of 18 months and large enough for children of six or seven. They are meant for children using tricycles or carried on their parents' bikes, as well as those starting to ride two-wheelers. The Kidstar style comes down lower in the back, to protect the vulnerable neck area.

Otherwise, Passal says, the various styles are mainly a matter of personal choice, suitable for cycling, skateboarding or roller-blading, even when designed with a particular sport in mind. The Shield model has more ventilation on the sides, as it was designed for mountain biking.

Some models have the option of an improved inner shell made from Geacet, an American material which is lighter weight, yet stronger and more resistant to heat. But this raises retail prices by nearly 30 percent, and Geacet helmets are seldom in the shops. They can be obtained from the factory, 07-918444.

If a helmet has been involved in an accident, it should be returned to the factory for a free replacement. This is the rule even if no crack is visible. (Geacet models need replacing only when you can see a crack.)

Polybid sponsors Safety Days with the Accident Prevention Council, at schools and community centers, and helmets are sold to participants at reduced prices. Several such events are being held today (Thursday): in Givat Shmuel near Bar-Ilan University, at the municipal parking lot, 4:30 p.m.; in Pardes Hanna at the Alonim School, this morning; in Petah Tikva, at the Yosefat community center, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

There will be safety days at Ramat Hasharon's Yad La-banim, all summer, every Monday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; on July 9, in Kiryat Ono for all day camps, and on July 11, at Moshav Herut in Lev Hasharon, at a community day event.

For further details, contact Malka Alon at the Accident Prevention Council at 03-699-4361.

## Here come the sales

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GREER FAY CASHMAN

A severe slump in the rag trade has forced an early start on end-of-season sales, with many stores already offering specials on select items or discounts of up to 50 percent on all merchandise in stock.

It's not surprising that so many potential shoppers are just looking instead of buying. Beyond a narrowing of silhouettes, designs have changed very little since last summer, yet clothes this summer are about 30 percent more expensive.

From a buyer's point of view, there's nothing to justify the additional outlay, especially when knock-offs of the same designs are available for peanuts at shopping-mall bazaars. Such apparel is not always of inferior quality, and sometimes the bazaar is a treasure trove of genuine bargains.

How is it that a bazaar-bought item bearing the label of some anonymous manufacturer can be superior to, yet much cheaper than, an almost identical garment made by a famous name company?

The answer is simple: production costs. The anonymous manufacturer is not preoccupied with image. He doesn't have to shell out a fortune in public relations and advertising campaigns. He doesn't need a glamorous office and snazzy showroom. All he's selling is merchandise, not a brand name aiming to become a household word.

His operation is relatively small. He doesn't have a production manager, an export manager, a sales manager and a market-

ing manager. He is all those things rolled into one, or in some cases he's dividing these responsibilities with a sibling or a spouse. This represents a hefty payroll saving—which affects the garment's retail price.

Some of these manufacturers are not just out to make a quick buck. They take professional pride in their output, in the quality of the fabric and the workmanship—and after a while, despite the absence of promotion, they develop a following, because satisfied customers return.

All this augurs poorly for popular brand-name companies who can only keep pace if they drop prices. Thus at Shekem, which hasn't been doing too well since its change of ownership, prices have been slashed by 15 to 50 percent. For example, a linen skirt under Shekem's own Impulse label is down from NIS 119.90 to NIS 83.90. A Chinese collared linen blazer, which earlier this month was selling for NIS 350.90, is now priced at NIS 287.90. A polo shirt initially marked at NIS 119.90 is now down to NIS 83.90.

Similar reductions can be seen at Stefanel and Castro, where three-digit prices have been reduced to two digits.

Whether this will get stock moving remains to be seen; but anyone who doesn't desperately need a new outfit will do well to wait another month. Current discounts have not yet plummeted to the final price. A slow market will bring prices down even further. A little patience will bring its own reward.

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## The abhorrent flag

THE meetings of the Israeli and Syrian chiefs of staff in Washington are causing unease even among the most dedicated supporters of total withdrawal from the Golan and a peace agreement with Syria. The reason is all too obvious: the notion of negotiating teams headed by military officers may be natural for military dictatorships, but is alien to democracies. Officers can discuss technical details once an agreement in principle is reached by political leaders. They should not independently discuss security arrangements, which clearly have political and strategic ramifications.

The American purpose in initiating these discussions is clear enough. Washington assumes, not unreasonably, that what worries Israelis most is the security threat posed by the Golan in Syrian hands. If the army gives security arrangements on the Heights its stamp of approval, Israelis will find it easier to live without the Golan. But the unprecedented use of the army for this purpose is disingenuous, if not downright cynical.

That the military would rather keep the Golan is no secret. But in the Washington talks Chief of General Staff Lt-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak cannot represent the army's opinion. He is there only as the government's emissary. The stamp of approval he gives to security arrangements may seem like the army's, but it is in fact the prime minister's.

The use of the army to lead military credibility to the relinquishment of the Golan is particularly worrisome, because on the political front the Syrians seem as uncompromising as ever. Not only are they insisting on returning to the June 4, 1967 lines, which were created by Syrian aggression on the Israeli side of the international border; their concept of normalization is drastically different from what Israel envisions.

In an interview with *Yediot Aharonot* last Friday, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's

close adviser Osama Baz tried to prepare the Israeli public for the Syrian version of normalization. "To have the Israeli flag over a building in Damascus is a problem," he said. "The sight of a Star of David will cause the Syrian man in the street to suffer a shock, a culture shock. You have to think about it: is it worth being stubborn and insist on inflicting this shock, or is it preferable, for the sake of the projected normalization, to enter Syria on tiptoe?"

"A person in Syria whose opinion I highly value," continues Baz, "recommends the system of stages. Don't descend on them, but start your presence in Damascus from an office. Let the man in the street, who still views you with anxiety, get used to it. After the office, you can open a consulate and let things flow. And only when you are sure that the street has learned to live with the transformation, you open an embassy."

Clearly, the fundamental difficulty is still Syria's unwillingness to recognize Israel's legitimacy. If all Damascus can offer in return for an Israeli withdrawal to the Kinneret is a concealed Israeli office in Damascus, something that is even far less than the cold and unsatisfactory peace with Egypt, then the negotiations in the Golan over security arrangements are superfluous. No Israeli government can sell such a trade-off to its people.

In fact, such notions are contrary even to what Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin suggested in a recent interview with the *Washington Post* - that three years of complete normalization, involving the exchange of ambassadors and free movement of people and goods, should precede any Israeli withdrawal.

Above all, Israelis must wonder why a regime which still considers the sight of an Israeli flag so abhorrent is deemed a "partner for peace," and why it should be awarded a strategic asset like the Golan.

## The bank lark

YESTERDAY a regular bank customer sent a fax to the teller on duty which read, "This is a holdup. Deliver money to the cab waiting outside." Whether he wanted to dramatize the absurdity of the recent game-like bank robberies or meant it as a joke is not clear. But the situation has reached a point of such ludicrousness that it would have surprised no one had the teller actually been sent out to deliver a few thousand shekels to the waiting taxi.

The banks' calculation that it would cost more to post guards in their numerous branches than to give robbers whatever money may be in the till is cost-effectiveness gone awry. By the same token, the police should neither investigate robberies nor incarcerate their perpetrators. The costs of keeping a police force, fighting crime, and keeping criminals in prison are prohibitive. But no one would think of dispensing with them by calculating that they are higher than those incurred by the robbers.

Incredibly, the banks have not even thought of installing cameras and alarms connected with

the nearest police station. And, not surprisingly, once it became known that it is easier to rob a bank than to hail a taxi, robberies became a daily event.

To make matters worse, the public is indifferent to the crimes. If anything, there is a grudging admiration and sympathy for bank robbers, a direct result of the often outrageous callousness, discourtesy, and greed with which Israeli banks treat their customers.

But only the mindless can believe that such insouciance about crime can remain harmless. Such an attitude inevitably breeds contempt for law and admiration for the lawless. And soon the robberies will not be performed by daring amateurs and cocky teenagers, but by professional criminals who will have discovered a risk-free path to cash.

They will not be satisfied with the few hundred shekels in one till; and tellers and customers, used to treating holdups as amusements, may get hurt. It will be a shame indeed if the banks and police take the rash of bank robberies seriously only after one of those toy guns kills.



## A fine friend in Rome

JERUSALEM must and can only be for the Israelis. Just as Rome is for the Italians.

Thus spoke an elegantly dressed 43-year-old Italian politician who garnered 13.5 percent of his country's votes and 47 percent of the vote in Rome in last year's elections. His party is currently preparing to make an even stronger showing in the next Italian elections which might take place later this year.

"Jerusalem should be the eternal capital of Israel in the same way as Rome is the spiritual capital of the Christians," he continued. "And it should be loved by everybody for what it is. No one can say otherwise. If anyone denies Israel's right to Jerusalem, their next move will be to claim that Israel should not exist."

Rare indeed is the European statesman who is today not calling on Israel to surrender partial sovereignty over Jerusalem to Yasser Arafat, or for the city to be internationalized. And this against a background of Vatican pressure to "guarantee the rights of the Christian holy places."

So who is this unusual Italian politician who is advising the Jews to hold fast to a capital established by King David 1,000 years before Christ was born (and 17 centuries before the Muslim faith arose out of the Arabian desert)?

He is Gianfranco Fini, whose very name raises the blood pressure of the bleeding hearts of the world, who cry "Fascist! Fascist!" like so many of Pavlov's well-trained dogs. These types tend to bleed for all mankind - except, of course, the Jews.

Is the soft-spoken Fini a fascist? As leader of the National Alliance party, he has been described as a man who lives in the shadow of Mussolini.

"I am a right winger," he says. "The people who attack me are those on the extreme left. Their knee-jerk reaction is to smear anyone who opposes them as 'fascists.' If I lived in the US, I would be a Republican. In England I would be a conservative."

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FINI says that his party is committed to democracy, and that it "has taken the firmest possible stand to condemn all forms of racism, antisemitism and xenophobia. This was decided at my party's conference earlier this year in Fuggi. I support right-wing parties... [but] broke off all contact with [National Front leader Jean-Marie] Le Pen in France in 1989 because of his racist policies."

This week's near-assassination of Hosni Mubarak underlines the warnings of Italian politician Gianfranco Fini

FINI POINTS a finger at the former Italian national leader, the pro-PLO Giulio Andreotti, one of Shimon Peres's closest European friends. Andreotti currently faces charges of having ties with the Mafia.

The Mafia, Fini emphasizes, is an extraordinarily powerful and dangerous force in Italian politics. He is clearly not regarded as one of his friends; there were half a dozen protective police cars parked around his offices during this interview.

FINI thinks he has the answer to Italy's socioeconomic problems. And even his opponents fear that he is on the right track. His credibility as a future Italian leader was highlighted when he was among the guests invited to dine with Bill Clinton during his visit to Italy a year ago.

This potential prime minister believes in a united Europe, but fears the threat Islamic fundamentalism poses to the continent.

"The civil war in Yugoslavia is the biggest danger facing the whole of Europe today," Fini

says. "We must persuade the Russians to try and influence the Serbs there. Religious Moslem fundamentalism is a mine ready to explode in the Balkans if the conflict there is not brought to an end. It might be fanned by Iran and Iraq. They are fueling the flames of a conflict by supplying arms to the Moslems."

"Italy, France and Spain must be concerned with what is happening in the Mediterranean. The major danger is the drive by fundamentalists to take over North African countries like Algeria. If successful, it will influence events in the Balkans. It's not only a threat to Italy or Europe, Fini said. It could well erupt into a danger facing the rest of the world too. We can play our part by strengthening our ties with the moderate Moslem regimes."

The attempted assassination of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Monday underlines the Italian statesman's fears.

According to our intelligence sources, the attack on Mubarak was planned at a meeting of fanatical Moslem terrorist chiefs in Khartoum at the end of March. Prior to the meeting, Adel Hussein, a leading Egyptian opposition figure, hinted in a Moslem newspaper in Paris at what was to come: "We want you to know that we Moslems are awakening to a new dawn." The message of the conference was spelled out by Sudan's real ruler, the ideologue "Khomeini of Khartoum" Hassan Tourabi, who plays a major role in coordinating global terror acts.

A Western intelligence operative told us: "Mubarak is enemy number one. If he is toppled, the fundamentalists will be poised to seize power in Egypt. They believe that Algeria, Tunisia, and then Morocco will then drop into their hands like ripe figs from a tree."

The writers are authors of *The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service* and other books on the Middle East.

## Red herring

YEDIDYA ATLAS

"LIKE a Jewish ayatollah" by Gad Ben-Ari in yesterday's *Jerusalem Post* left me confused.

Undeniably, the way Rabbi Avraham Hecht, an active promoter and supporter of Israel for decades, chose to describe Yitzhak Rabin at the June 19 conference of the International Rabbinical Coalition for Israel was highly inappropriate. But this is Hecht's private opinion. It cannot possibly deserve the attention Israel's media has focused on it.

After all, at the very same New York conference, spokesmen and leadership figures publicly disagreed with Hecht's language and conclusions, while issuing official rabbinic rulings in the name of thousands of rabbis worldwide.

There is no journalistic justification for Israel radio and TV to have sought Hecht out and goaded him into repeating what was already old news - unless there was an ulterior motive: to try and discredit or avoid focusing on the rulings of the vast rabbinical body.

The Rabbinical Coalition's presidium comprises prestigious and moderate rabbinical figures such as former Israeli chief rabbi Avraham Shapira, dean of Jerusalem's Merkaz Harav Kook Yeshiva, Rabbi Aharon Soloveichik, dean of the Brisk Yeshiva in Chicago, and the Senior Rabbi of Australia, Rabbi Shneur Chaim Gutnick. Its US leadership, which includes people like Rabbi Hershel Schachter and Rabbi Prof. Moshe Tendler of Yeshiva University, is supported by groups like the National Council of Young Israel.

They are hardly the embodiment of Yossi Beilin's "Samrat,

Why did one lone US rabbi receive exaggerated media attention?

haters of Israel," Shulamit Aloni's "fascists," or Shimon Peres's "fringe elements."

Yet these are just a few of the epithets that have been directed at these mainstream Zionist rabbis. Why weren't former Rabin press secretary Gad Ben-Ari and other critics moved to protest this kind of incitement? Perhaps they consider it politically correct.

WHAT KIND of reaction would there be, were US Secretary of State Christopher to telephone an MK and ask him not to meet with concerned Israeli citizens? This is what Peres did when he reportedly called Congressman Ben Gilman and asked him not to meet with the American rabbis in Washington on June 13 to hear their opposition to continued US funding for the PLO in the absence of its strict compliance with commitments to both Israel and the US.

And what were the official declarations issued at the Rabbinical Coalition's June 19 conference that seemingly so irritate the Rabin government?

Thousands of moderate and concerned rabbis "oppose the uprooting of Jewish settlements in the Golan, Judea, Samaria and Gaza." They oppose "the evacuation of the IDF from cities in Judea and Samaria [which would] drastically reduce the level of security and endanger Jewish lives."

They declare that "Jerusalem is the eternal capital of the entire Jewish people throughout the world, and throughout the generations. [And] there can be no moral authority for any government, acting, as it were, in the name of the Jewish People, to make any concessions in Jerusalem, our Holy City."

Finally, the rabbis oppose US "funding to the PLO, or lobbying on behalf of continued funding to the PLO, without the closest scrutiny as to whom the money is reaching, and for what purpose it is used."

It seems that the Rabin government would rather not explain why it is ignoring the red lines it initially drew to protect the "peace process"; why continued US funding to the PLO should not be linked to PLO compliance to signed agreements; or why, lip service aside, the government has not challenged PLO violations in Jerusalem.

It is easier to divert public attention from these real issues to the ill-advised statements of a lone rabbi speaking out of anger, and anguish.

The writer is a Jerusalem-based freelance journalist.

## PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



For some reason, somebody objected to these nude statues of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, posed on a park bench in Canberrra. The severed head of Philip is being carted away after vandals decapitated the sculptures. (AP)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### SPEED GOVERNORS

Sir, - Some examples of woolly thinking concerning road safety have appeared in the *Post* recently. In the June 2 issue, *Advanced Brake Warning* is discussed. This is a device that lights the brake light when the foot is removed from the gas pedal before braking. This saves 0.4 seconds and represents 11 meters at 100 kph. However, at that speed, the braking distance can be up to 100 meters, so what then of the remaining 89?

Another device keeps the brake-light filament permanently hot, thus saving 150 milliseconds. Since vehicles are driven not by computers, but by ordinary distracted humans, again I wonder if such a minuscule time is significant.

I am of the opinion that these devices, plus the existing Automatic Braking System, only dare people to drive faster and closer, thus negating their value. Would it not be simpler to have none of these, but to make

drivers drive within the limit and keep their distance? The money saved could be spent on education, better policing and, dare I say it, railways.

Finally, I read, on June 6, that "trucks and buses are to have speed governors as they are involved in a disproportionate number of accidents." This sentence implies that cars also have accidents due to speeding and since there are many more cars than trucks and buses, then there must be many accidents involving them.

So why are not cars to be fitted with governors as well? I will tell you why. It is because those who make our laws are car drivers themselves and won't frame any law that will curtail their freedom to speed as they wish. I think that just as with air conditioning, the fitting of governors to all imported vehicles should be mandatory. G.L. GOLDMAN

Tel Aviv.

### THE THIRD WAY

Sir, - In the 25 years that I have lived in Israel, I have never voted for a member of the Labor Party or any of its predecessors, the reason being that none of these patriots believes that the country comes before the party. Our current prime minister has shown that time after time. Obviously the party is more important than the country.

Through the years, I have looked for the leader dedicated to the country first. In my opinion, this applied to Menachem Begin.

Now we have a new true hero,

Ra'anana.

### THE BERNADOTTE MURDER

Sir, - I am appalled at the level of distortion and rationalization contained in Stanley Goldfoot's letter of June 13 "The Bernadotte Plan."

I was serving as chief technical officer at the fledgling Ramat David at the time of the Bernadotte assassination. My memory of the affair and the related events is clear.

To begin with, to call that cold-blooded murder an "execution" defiles the English language. Execution implies the final act of a duly constituted justice system, an honest trial and conviction of a criminal. What was the justice system in Bernadotte's murder? The "high command" of a gang of terrorists?

The implication that the so-called Bernadotte Plan would have prevented the growth and development of Israel is self-serving nonsense. Bernadotte was an agent of the UN, not an absolute monarch. The UN could not have imposed the plan upon Israel any more than it could halt the fighting in favor of either side. In fact Israel used the UN to its own advantage over and over again during the War of Independence. The UN was no more effective then than it is in Bosnia today.

Finally, I doubt that the self-serving statement alleged to have been made by Ben-Gurion to his Lehi bodyguard is accurately reported. Inasmuch as Shimon Peres was a personal political aide to Ben-Gurion at the time I submit that his input must be given more serious consideration than that of a bodyguard.

MAURICE R. COMMANDAY  
Palos Verdes Estates, California.



# You owe yourself a better way to separate

DEAR RUTHIE

RUTHIE BLUM



**Dear Ruthie,**  
My husband and I moved into separate rooms after our children left home. I don't work, and we live on my husband's pension. There is no way we can afford to split our relatively meager funds and small property, and have enough to go our separate ways.

I feel trapped. I don't invite friends over; I go to my room early every evening to avoid unnecessary contact with my husband.

Moving in with one of my children is out of the question for me. What can you suggest?

Unhappily ever after  
Somewhere in Israel

**Dear Unhappily,**  
You owe it to yourself to extricate yourself from living conditions that are making you unhappy. It may mean being creative; for example, moving to a cheaper area, moving in with a roommate, getting a job, or becoming a live-in nanny.

Low morale may be keeping you from seeing you have options. It is even possible that your calculations are incorrect.

Contact the legal department of Na'amat in your area about getting legal and financial consultation.

**Dear Ruthie,**  
My mother always looks askance at how I spend my money. Recently my husband and I ran into financial difficulty, and asked her for a loan. Her response was: "Your children have to have piano lessons, but you want a loan?" And then she said she would agree to help on condition that we cut down on all extravagances. I don't consider my children's enrichment an "extravagance." I really need the money, but now I don't know what to do.

Down-in-the-Dollar Daughter  
Kfar Sava

**Dear Down in the Dollar,**  
Agreeing to the terms of your mother's loan could be risky, if the two of you do not share the same definition of "luxury." At least the bank examines only your ability to make good on a

loan. Your mother's cash, however, comes with a very high "interest rate," worth avoiding if at all possible.

If this is your only option, work out a crystal-clear understanding with your mother, specifying exactly which "extravagances" you've got to chuck.

**Dear Ruthie,**  
When I first came to Ashdod, I thought I was coming to paradise. The city must have spent millions building the new beach complex, new shopping malls and promenade.

But they have overlooked the most important element: The safety and security of the people. Spending a day at the beach involves risking one's life, due to the wild drivers of all-terrain vehicles, jeeps and other vehicles, who recklessly swerve in and around people lying on the beach or sitting at cafes on the promenade.

The lifeguards tell me that this is illegal, yet neither the police nor the soldiers on patrol make any attempt to stop it.

It's only a matter of time before someone gets seriously injured. What can we do to protect ourselves?

Paradise Lost  
Ashdod

**Dear Lost,**  
Being a beach-goer myself, I wholeheartedly sympathize. If the speeding cyclists don't get you, the flying maikot balls do.

Complain to: Chief of Ashdod Police (mefaked tahananat mishoret Ashdod), Sderot Yitzhak Hanassi, Ashdod 77268, phone (08) 547744; or to the chief of the Lachish District (mefaked tahananat merhav Lachish), at Rehov Hanassi, Afirad, Ashkelon 78339, phone (07) 771444.

You could also organize a concerned citizens' committee in your area to pressure the police and the municipality to crack down on offenders.

**Letters should be addressed to:**  
"Dear Ruthie," POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. (Ruthie regrets not being able to guarantee publication of every letter, but will answer every letter received.)

# Love conquers chill of the Cold War

BOOKS

CAROLYN SEE

**BREAKING FREE: A Memoir of Love and Revolution** by Susan Eisenhower. Farrar, Straus & Giroux. 295 pp. \$23.

**H**ISTORICAL writing is often hypnotically boring. This may be because by writing about the lives of great men, the historian becomes "greater" than they are—at least in his own eyes.

How incredibly refreshing it is, then, to read Susan Eisenhower so modestly writing about the Soviet Union: "It was my rare privilege to see with my own eyes, the awakening of an entire nation as its people created change one small step at a time," she says.

"...Although I was not a 'player' in a direct sense during those years of tremendous turmoil, I fell in love with a man who was, Roald Sagdeev, a radical reformer and an early Gorbachev. Susan Eisenhower is president Dwight D. Eisenhower's granddaughter who makes it clear that she's been born and bred with a strong distrust of the Soviets. But in 1986, she takes a position as interim president of the Eisenhower World Affairs Institute. In that same year the institute gets involved in a "Chautauqua Town Meeting" to be held in the Soviet Union.

She's held strong beliefs in the dynamic of the ongoing Cold War, but her first sight of Lenin-grad comes as a bracing reality check: "...dust and decay, a wreck of crumbling facades, rusting streetcars, empty shops. This was the communism we were frightened off? This was what the US government touted as a threat to the American way of life?"

As the plane heads home, American conferees burst into applause when they leave Soviet airspace. Susan refrains: "...I tried to suppress the profound sadness I felt for the Soviet people, who had so little to show for their suffering and sacrifice; and for us, who spent so much of our national wealth and energy competing with an empty ideology," she writes. "I hated to hear them clap."

A YEAR later, Susan attends another Soviet-American town meeting, this time on the grounds of the actual Chautauqua resort. Then, because life is wonderfully full of good surprises, she meets "a rumpled professional-



looking man" who asks her to dance.

Roald Sagdeev is director of the Soviet Space Research Institute. He's funny, he's nice, he speaks impressive English and before long he and Susan are exchanging confidences about their fears of atomic destruction—not in the generalities of officialdom, but specific memories of real days

when each thought they might not live to see nightfall. Within hours, they're talking to each other, not just like human beings, but human beings who are falling in love.

But the author has a lot of rectitude and a great deal of personal anxiety. First of all, she's attached to the Eisenhower name and has responsibilities toward it.

She can't just go gallivanting off with some Russian (except he's a Tatar).

But Roald keeps saying things that single mothers pine to hear: he wants to take care of her, he says, and Susan reflects that no man, capitalist or Communist, has ever said that to her before.

During one memorable sleepless night of soul searching, the

author goes ahead and decides to risk "everything," because—as anyone who's fallen in love knows—it's worth everything, and it conquers all.

But Roald is already married, the Soviet Union is falling apart, the CIA approaches Susan to spy for them and then taps her phone, people from the Russian Embassy take her to lunch and ask her unnering questions. The KGB begins following the beleaguered couple whenever they're in Moscow. Then it seems that every person in their large and public world takes a turn at telling them this will never work out.

Meanwhile, Latvia and Estonia are deciding they want to be separate countries again. Gorbachev disappears into his dacha. Yeltsin mans the barricades, the Wall comes down in Berlin, it's hangoon to your hats, boys, while the naturally anxious Susan just hopes her sweetheart will be able to stay alive, get a divorce and marry her, while what used to be the Soviet Union crumbles around him.

The last third of this historical memoir is utterly beguiling.

When indeed Roald finally announces their engagement, George Bush, president by then, decides to give one of those "small family dinners" engaged couples are so familiar with. The dinner is in the "family quarters": Bush gives the Russian ambassador a tour of the White House and lays some fatherly advice on Roald. "Susan is very special to us and we want to know that you're going to look after her and be a good husband."

Gorbachev isn't so accommodating. He's chatty one minute, inaccessible the next. He doesn't approve! The whole narrative begins to swing from tragic to comic to heartbreaking. Implicit in all these machinations is the unspoken question: What if the entire Cold War was one big waste of time? An entire worldwide psychodrama is brought down to whether a good Russian and a good American can fall in love, get married and still remain a good Russian and a good American.

Susan Eisenhower doesn't pontificate. She tells the history and she tells the facts: She doesn't give a moment's thought to how "smart" she is or how important.

She's content to tell a love story that manages perfectly to illumine the slow and scary, 50-year dance of two great enemy nations. This book is absolutely terrific.

(Los Angeles Times)

# This device can save you from being toasted while you make toast

FIX IT YOURSELF

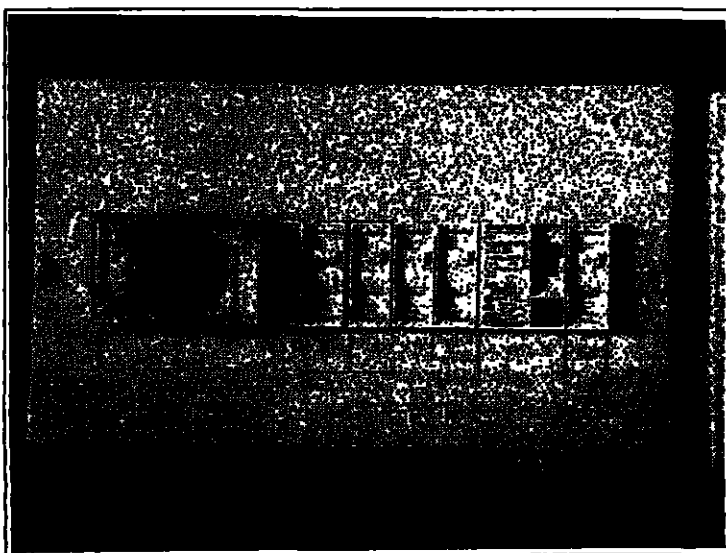
TAL KATZ

**I**SRAELIS are known for their short fuses: One false move, and all that feisty Middle Eastern temperament emerges, with sparks flying. Perhaps it is poetic justice that the country's electrical system runs on such high voltage.

But while getting "wired up" is at best amusing, and at worst unpleasant, getting electrocuted is deadly. For the former, remedies such as vacations may suffice. For the latter, an antielectrocution device (mefek pehat) installed in your fuse box could save your life. Most houses or apartments built within the past 20 years in this country are equipped with this device.

It can be purchased at electrical supply stores—or stores that have an electrical supply department—and installed by an electrician into any fuse box. The device costs between NIS 160 and NIS 180.

If you don't have one, get one. If you do have one, this column



The antielectrocution device (black button) on modern fuse boxes reacts to leakage of electricity to the ground. (Sara Uziel)

should help familiarize you with it.

IN ISRAEL, not only is the voltage high (220 V), but the frequency (50 Hertz) closely resembles that of the nervous system of the human body.

Furthermore, homes here almost always have stone floors. Our bodies and our homes make us perfect walking conductors of electricity. One of the first admonitions I received in Israel related to my bad habit of not wearing shoes while ironing, drilling, or

making toast. Standing barefoot on a stone floor while touching an exposed wire is enough to cause cardiac arrest. Definitely not worth the toast.

Though circuit breakers will trip (shut down) or fuses blow (if you've got the old-style fuse box) at an overload of 10-20 amperes, the antielectrocution device (usually labeled in German: "NFI-Schutzschalter") reacts almost immediately (at 0.03 amperes). With such a device installed, the worst you can get is an annoying shock. Anything more severe will cause an automatic power outage.

Each circuit breaker will trip (or fuse will blow) automatically when there is an overload on that particular circuit.

When this happens, you know that some appliance, wire, or plug in that circuit is defective, or that too many electrical appliances are working on the circuit at the same time.

The antielectrocution device, on the other hand, reacts not to overload, but to leakage of electricity to the ground. Appliances with three-pronged (grounded) plugs cause the device to act

when the appliance itself is leaking electricity to its metal body—even, sometimes, when not in use. Appliances with two-pronged plugs (no ground), or those with a faulty third prong, will cause the device to act when a person "becomes" the ground (by touching a live wire, for example).

**IF YOUR device trips**, usually you'll be able to tell what has caused the outage. If you were in the middle of a load of laundry, for example, it's a safe bet that the washing machine did it. Unplug the appliance, and flick the device back on. (There are two types: the kind that has a lever—like a circuit breaker, and the kind that has a rotating knob.) Locate and correct the problem before using the appliance again.

More difficult to pinpoint are those appliances which cause the device to trip when everything in the house is turned off but not unplugged.

In this case, first check those appliances that are permanently plugged in—particularly the refrigerator, which has an automatic mechanism continually reg-

ulating a thermostat and a defrosting mechanism. Washing machines and dishwashers are also likely candidates, since they use water, and an exposed wire may suddenly get wet even when the machine is not in use at that particular moment.

If you can't figure out what's caused the antielectrocution device to trip, and try as you might, it won't flick back on, even after you've turned off all appliances and lights in the house, do the following:

**Unplug each appliance** in the house. Start with the easiest (those that have plugs within reach) and work your way up to those with the hard-to-reach plugs (that is, built-in oven, dishwasher, refrigerator). Each time you unplug something, try the device again. When it "agrees" to turn on, you've located the problem appliance.

**Note:** This fiddling with the device can cause it to overheat, which may prevent it from starting up again. Let it rest for a few minutes before continuing.

Never try to disconnect the device to get around the problem. It provides a necessary warning

which should not be ignored.

To guarantee that the antielectrocution device is functioning properly: Every couple of months, press the test button located on its front panel. The power should shut down. If it fails to do so, call an electrician to replace the device.

If you have a question or can suggest simple solutions to fixing problems, write to: *Fix It Yourself*, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

## TORAT ERETZ YISRAEL



This book marks the first time that Rav Tzvi Yehuda HaCohen Kook's lectures have been translated into English. His teachings on Torah, *Emanah*, *Avraham*, *Eretz Yisrael*, Zionism, the Holocaust, *Gaula*, and the *Mashiach*, bring the encompassing Torah of *Eretz Yisrael* into unparalleled light. The book's commentary brings the reader into the *Beit Midrash* of Rabbi Kook, presenting an intimate understanding of his vision and the unique era of redemption which Rabbi Kook inspired the nation to see. Translated by Zvi Fishman. Hardcover, 387 pp. JP Price NIS 55.00 inc. VAT, packing and postage.

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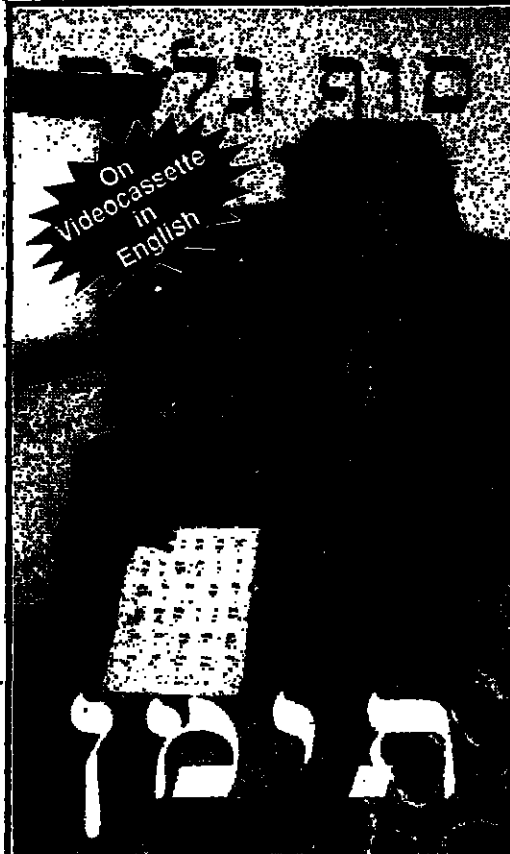


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## BUSINESS &amp; FINANCE

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1995

## Exports jump 68% in last three months

EXPORTS soared in the past three months, as imports moderated, although the demand for imported consumer goods remained strong, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

Exports, excluding diamonds, jumped 68 percent during March through May compared to the previous two months, after rising 5% in January and February.

Industrial exports, which make up about one-third of industrial production, rose 59% after dropping 1% in the preceding two months.

Imports only increased 2.7%, as industrial machinery and equipment imports fell a sharp 38% and industrial input imports rose 11%.

Consumer imports continued climbing, growing 29.5%.

Durable imports - including cars, furniture, refrigerators and laundry machines - jumped 34% after soaring 97% in January and February.

The trade gap - excluding diamonds, fuel, ships and aircraft - averaged \$620 million a month to an annual rate of \$7.4 billion, compared with \$720m. a month in the previous two months.

Despite the 13.9% drop in the past three months, the trade deficit was more than one-third high-

JOSE ROSENFELD

er than during the same period last year.

According to the bureau, about half the deficit's rise during the first quarter compared with the last quarter of 1994 reflected higher commodity prices.

Industrial production rose 3.7% in the first quarter, after increasing 11% in November and December.

Production jumped 52% in the sectors that produce construction materials. Similarly, production in heavy industry - including the metal, machinery, electric equipment, and transportation vehicles - rose 16% and a more moderate 9% in light industries - such as textiles, clothing, leather, wood, paper and print.

By contrast, production fell 4% in the plastic and chemicals industries, while dropping between 6% and 7% in the food industry.

Cement sales, a good indicator of construction activity, shot up 119% during the first quarter, after falling sharply in November and December.

Retail trade jumped 13.7%, following a 27% rise in the first two months of the year. Food sales grew 15%, after rising 30% in the previous two months.

The number of Israeli workers rose 7% in the first quarter, reflecting an 8% rise in the business sector and 4% increase in the public sector.

The work hours of employees from Israel, the territories and from abroad grew at an annual rate of 11% in the first quarter, after rising 9% in the previous quarter.

Unemployment fell to 6.9% in the first quarter from 7.7% in the previous three quarters.

Tourism, as measured by the number of tourist arrivals by air, dropped 9.6% after rising 25% in January and February.

Similarly, tourist hotel stays fell 6.3% in March and April, following a 9% drop in the first two months of the year.

Seasonally adjusted consumer prices took off from March to May, increasing 7% after rising a moderate 2% in March and April.

Similarly, producer prices continued climbing by 15.7%, after rising at a rate of 12% in January and February.

The currency basket gained 14.4% compared with a 5.9% increase in the previous two months, while the dollar fell 0.9% against the shekel after losing 3.4% in January and February.

## Manufacturers call for nationwide strike over economic policy

Propper distances himself from protesters, rejects need for strike

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

"We are no longer talking about firms' profits; we are dealing with survival," Eichat general manager Benny Kofler said.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said he is aware of the problems facing industrialists, but does not understand why they continue to import goods from Europe.

"We have a trade deficit with Europe, but not with the US," Rabin said. "If you have problems with the erosion of the dollar, why don't you buy from the US? Why are imports from Europe growing?"

Manufacturers Association

president Dan Propper said he shares in the industrialists' frustrations, even though he rejects their strike call. "Our policy is not to burn tires," he said.

In an appeal to the government, Propper said "don't leave the rein in the hands of the Bank of Israel, a body that is currently damaging the economy."

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat said he objects to the Bank of Israel's inflation goal of 6%-7%. "There is no need to mortgage all of the country in order to obtain a European inflation rate [of 3%-4%] over the

next two to three years," he said. Shohat said the inflation rate should be between the Bank of Israel's goal and the manufacturing target rate of between 12% and 13%.

The Bank of Israel was also criticized for its interest rate policy. Shohat said there is no justification for the high rates, which prevent growth and contribute to the rise in inflation.

Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish said he has economic figures which show that the high interest rate has pushed up the Consumer Price Index because of the significant increase in public sector expenses.

## Namir to fight Treasury over cuts in jobs program

EVELYN GORDON

LABOR Minister Ora Namir promised yesterday to wage war against the Treasury's efforts to cut her budget for public works projects for the unemployed.

Namir, who was addressing the Knesset State Control Committee, said this year she will spend NIS 72 million to employ some 3,000 workers.

Over the past three years, the program has cost NIS 220m. with about one-fourth of that money coming from savings in income maintenance payments.

Namir also launched a bitter attack against State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat, who criticized

the program in her last report.

Ben-Porat had said that since the Jewish National Fund and the Antiquities Authority were the only agencies given workers under the program - and most of their projects are in the North - the program did little for the high-unemployment regions of the South.

Namir said she was "hurt" that Ben-Porat would criticize a program which was one of the key elements in the battle against unemployment.

Furthermore, she said the only reason she limited the program to those two agencies, and did not include the local authorities, for instance, was that she had understood Ben-Porat objected to sending people to the local authorities.

Ben-Porat responded that she had never said any such thing, and Namir herself had never raised this claim before.

Furthermore, she said it still would not explain why agencies such as the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI) were not included in the program.

In any case, she said, there is no justification for complaints about the report's findings.

Namir replied she had expanded the number of agencies involved in the program following the report, and the SPNI was now one of them.

## Deposits in savings plans soar 754%

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE public's medium and long-term net deposits in bank savings plans soared 754 percent in real terms to NIS 6 billion last year, as savers sought refuge from a depressed stock market and took advantage of high interest rates, the Treasury's capital markets division announced yesterday.

Net deposits only grew NIS 703.5 million at the end of 1993.

The large flow of deposits last year pushed the total assets invested in savings program 8.8% to NIS 54.4b.

Savings plans made up 12.2% of the public's financial assets portfolio, an increase from 9.8% in 1993.

By contrast, stock holdings dropped to 15.9% from 26.7% and mutual fund holdings fell to 4.2% from 6.4%.

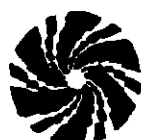
The savings programs are for a minimum two-year period and can stretch up to 18 years.

However, if individuals want to withdraw their money after a year, they can receive 90% of the linkage.

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The Mario Laznik group has sold 17.5 percent of its shares in Mario Laznik Industrial Buildings to Ligat Investments for \$3.18 million. The company was valued at \$18m. for the purpose of the sale. Mario Laznik said the sale is in the framework of the company's recovery program. The group also announced the sale of its leasing rights in Ram Park for NIS 8.75m.

Galit Lipkis Beck

Israel Chemicals board of directors yesterday agreed to transfer the company's headquarters to Beersheba. The board has appointed a committee to decide on a timetable and plan cost-reducing measures like reduction and merger of divisions.

Galit Lipkis Beck

## ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (28.6.95)  
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Egyptian pound 4.8014 4.8789

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**TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET**

FELICE MARANZ

Two-Sided index 189.19 +0.21% Maof index 191.07 +0.08% Karam index 152.51 +1.15%

THE market closed little changed for a second day yesterday, as much hoped for buying from foreign investors failed to materialize.

Koor Industries gained 1.75 percent after the company's chairman said it plans to raise between \$100 and \$150m, by selling 13% of the company in a public share offering on Wall Street before the end of the year.

The Two-Sided index rose 0.21% to 189.19, while the Maof Index went up 0.08% to 191.07.

Across the exchange as a whole, more than four shares rose for every one that fell.

The value of shares changing hands fell NIS 23.7 million to NIS 102.4m, some NIS 50m, below last week's average daily trading.

"Today was a day of speculation waiting for foreigners who didn't come," said Dan Zacharie, a broker at Capital Future Markets.

Bezek was a prime example, as the shares closed down 1% after rising 1.5% earlier in the day as investors were "waiting for Cable & Wireless" said Zacharie.

When it became clear the foreign investors weren't buying, disappointed Bezek investors sold shares.

British Telecommunications concern Cable & Wireless purchased 10.02% of Bezek in a series of transactions.

Concern over the high cost of borrowing following the Bank of Israel's decision early this week not to cut interest rates continued to dampen investor enthusiasm, Zacharie added.

The rate at which the Bank of Israel lends to banks will stay at 13.5 percent.

The country's industrialists are also being hurt by a weak dollar and by rising commodity prices worldwide, both of which cut into company profitability, Zacharie said.

Trading was halted in Kardan Investments Ltd., (listed on the Two-Sided Index, after the Israel Securities Authority announced that share in the company will only trade once a week, on Tuesdays.

The company failed to hand in required financial reports, according to the Securities Authority. (Bloomberg)

**FTSE Index closes 30.5 points lower**

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - Concerns about the Conservative party leadership battle again took their toll on equity prices ahead of today's first deadline for candidates.

But selling pressure was relatively light, as sterling held steady and some players felt the recent bout of weakness may be slowing. Shares turnover was 510 million.

The FTSE Index closed 30.5 points off at 3,282.7.

FRANKFURT - Shares in Germany's largest company Daimler-Benz AG tumbled, dragging the overall market down after the industrial group forecast a loss for 1995 because of adverse currency fluctuations.

Daimler's drop helped wipe 1.22 percent off the 30-share DAX Index, which shed 25.96 points to close bourse dealings at 2,096.44.

In post-bourse trade the Dax stood at 2,091.30.

PARIS - Shares closed lower, pressured by weakness in US stocks and a lack of interest in the bourse.

"It was a very calm day," a trader said. He said there was no primary force driving the market, although Wall Street's weakness weighed on sentiment.

The CAC-40 Index closed down 12.22, or 0.65%, at 14,618.07.

**US market closes higher**

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks rose yesterday, along with the dollar and bonds, after the United States and Japan reached a compromise agreement in their trade talks.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks rose 14.18 to 4,556.79. The gain was made on moderately heavy volume on the New York Stock Exchange.

Stocks bounced higher after reports that Japanese automobile manufacturers had agreed to voluntarily increase purchases of American cars and auto parts. In exchange, the reports said, the United States softened its stance on numerical sales targets.

Progress in the Geneva trade talks came less than 12 hours before the United States was scheduled to impose heavy tariffs on Japanese luxury-car imports, averting an all-out trade war.

The dollar shot higher after the breakthrough, pulling bonds and stocks with it.

**CURRENCY CROSS-RATES**

MARK	STERLING	YEN	SFR	FFr
MARK	2.2031/41	135.35/47	1.8287/12	7.7172/58
STERLING	1.6261/66	0.7379/81	1.3503/30	5.6972/74
YEN	120.35/40	0.5461/68	73.96/01	4.2165/27
SFR	0.2853/35	0.1294/68	17.51/66	0.2368/72
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# Pierce in 2nd-round loss

WIMBLEDON (AP) — Mary Pierce's first Wimbledon didn't last long, while Chanda Rubin's match lasted a record 58 games.

The fifth-seeded Pierce was beaten in the second round yesterday by Nathalie Tauziat of France 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

The 20th-ranked Tauziat, coming off a victory in last week's Wimbledon warmup at Eastbourne, outplayed Pierce from the baseline in the decisive third set.

It was a quick exit for Pierce, who had pulled out of Wimbledon at the last minute the past two years. Winner of the Australian Open this year, she had been considered a possible title contender here.

While Tauziat and Pierce battled on Centre Court, Rubin and Canada's Patricia Hy-Boulais were involved in a record marathon match on Court 16 — with the American prevailing 6-7(4-), 7-6(7-5), 17-15, in 3 hours, 45 minutes.

The 58 games broke the record for the most games in a women's Grand Slam singles match. The previous record was 56 games, set in 1972 when Kerry Melville beat

Pam Teegarden, 9-7, 4-6, 16-14, in the French Open semifinals.

Meanwhile, two-time men's defending champion Pete Sampras overcame a valiant test from Britain's Tim Henman to move into the third round with a 6-2, 6-3, 7-6(7-3) victory.

Sampras lost only three points on serve in the first set and two points in the second. But the 174th-ranked Henman, inspired by the support of the Court One crowd, battled Sampras evenly in the third set.

Sampras, seeded No. 2 behind Andre Agassi, said he was happy with his game and his chances of becoming the first player since Bjorn Borg to win three straight Wimbledon titles.

Two-time Wimbledon finalist Goran Ivanisevic served 28 aces in a straight-set 6-4, 6-2, 7-6(7-5) victory over Jonathan Stark of the U.S.

Sixth-seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia posted his second consecutive straight-set win by downing Bern Karbacher, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5, while No. 14 Todd Martin beat Daniel Nestor 6-4, 7-6(7-4), 6-3. Unseeded Aaron Krickstein was victorious 6-0, 7-6(7-5), 7-

6(8-6), over Karol Kucera.

The only men's seed to lose yesterday was No. 16 Guy Forget, who fell to Greg Rusedski, 1-6, 7-6(7-5), 7-6(7-4), 7-5, on Centre Court. The victory made an instant crowd hero out of the Canadian-born Rusedski, who is playing his first Wimbledon as a Briton.

In women's play, defending champion Conchita Martinez eased into the third round with a 6-4, 6-3 triumph over Jana Kandarr, an 18-year-old German newcomer ranked No. 101.

Second-seeded Arantxa Sanchez Vicario beat Mana Endo, 7-5, 6-2, but No. 12 Amy Frazier lost to Irina Spirlea, 6-1, 6-3.

Eighth-seeded Gabriela Sabatini beat Silvia Farina, 6-2, 6-2, averaging a first-round defeat to the Italian at last year's French Open. Anke Huber, No. 9, was a 6-2, 7-6(7-5) winner over Beate Reinhardt.

Top-seeded Steffi Graf pulled out of the doubles competition with Navratilova. Her coach, Heinz Gunthardt, said Graf was still feeling the effects of a recent wrist injury and a chronic back condition.

## CHARLES HARRIS and agencies

BY the time the national basketball team took the floor against Lithuania last night, its fate had already been sealed.

Italy, playing an afternoon game against winless Sweden, secured the final quarter-final spot in Group A of the 29th European Nations Championships with a 93-61 romp. Italy joins Yugoslavia, Lithuania and host Greece who finished first second and third respectively.

Israel closed out its appearance with a 2-4 record after dropping a 91-75 luller to Lithuania last night in Athens.

In other action yesterday, Yugoslavia beat Germany 92-79 to wrap up Group A. Croatia stopped France 81-72 to win Group B. In other Group B games, Slovenia beat Finland 94-72 and Russia topped Turkey 102-93.

The quarter-final matchups, which start tomorrow, pit Yugoslavia against France, Croatia vs. Italy, Lithuania vs. Russia and Spain vs. Greece.

Arturas Karnisovas led all scorers with 24 points, Gintaras Einikins had 21, and Sarunas Marcinkevicius 9 for Lithuania. For Israel, Doron Sheffer poured in 16 points, Eli Balout scored all 13 of his points in the second half, Guy Goodes had 12 and Nadav Haneftel sank 11.

Balout, who had no national tournament experience prior to Athens, was provided with the opportunity to learn while playing. He showed positive signs shooting 6-for-8 from the floor and blocked two shots.

But, for the national team, the final score was much closer than the game itself as the lack of defense on both sides benefited Israel's opponents. Lithuania opened up a 37-point lead mid-



HANGER ON — Russia's Vasil Karasov pots two as Harun Erdenay from Turkey looks on. Russia beat Turkey 102-93.

way through the second half, almost doubling Israel's total with a 77-40 lead.

Although Israel outscored its opponent 29-11 the rest of the way, the lead never appeared in jeopardy. The last time Israel trailed by less than double digits was early in the first half as Lithuania enjoyed a 36-27 advantage.

Lithuania played a better first half, thanks in part to 56 percent shooting from the floor and took a comfortable 45-29 halftime lead.

Coach Zvi Sherf did not have the services of guard Doron Jamchev who was still smarting from his hand injury. Sherf used the opportunity to give players like Uri Cohen-Mintz and Lior Arditi valuable playing minutes as 11 Israelis saw action. Guy Goodes and Nadav Haneftel each scored nine points for the blue and white.

Yugoslavia used all 12 players and completed a perfect preliminary round by beating defending champion Germany 92-79.

Germany, which won the title two years ago playing at home in Munich, went home with a 1-5 record. The Germans were here without their NBA star, Detlef Schrempf of the Seattle SuperSonics, who declined an invitation to play.

Dino Radja and Arjan Komazec made up for a pale performance by Toni Kukoc and paced Croatia to a 81-72 victory over France.

Komazec, a guard possibly heading to the NBA, had 28 points, five assists and six rebounds, while Radja, the Boston Celtics power forward had 17 points and nine rebounds. Kukoc, the Chicago Bulls guard-forward, had eight points, five assists and six turnovers in 37-38 of play.

The Italian team got 26 points from guard Vincenzo Esposito, who has reached general agreement to join the Toronto Raptors. Center Stefano Rusconi, who has signed for the Phoenix Suns, played only eight minutes and had four points.

Guard Henrik Gaddefors led Sweden with 13 points.

Slovenia, which won its last game, was one of three teams from former Yugoslavia in the competition.

## European National Championships

Group A			
	W	L	Pts.
1. Yugoslavia	5	1	31
2. Lithuania	4	2	23
3. Greece	3	3	10
4. Italy	2	4	8
5. Israel	1	5	6
6. Germany	1	5	6
7. Sweden	0	6	0

Group B			
	W	L	Pts.
1. Croatia	5	1	32
2. Spain	4	2	24
3. France	4	2	24
4. Slovenia	2	4	8
5. Russia	1	5	6
6. Finland	1	5	6

# Murray heading for 3 grand

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Cleveland pushed its league-leading batting average to .292 with 15 hits Tuesday night in a 7-1 victory over Kansas City that stretched the visiting Indians' lead over the second-place Royals to 7½ games in the AL Central.

Eddie Murray had two doubles and a single, leaving him four hits shy of 3,000. Mark Clark, who was called up from the minor leagues just hours before the game, allowed five hits over eight innings for the Indians.

With two on and two outs in the first, Murray, batting right-handed against Chris Haney (3-2), hit a deep fly to left. As Vince Coleman retreated to the fence, a fan wearing a glove reached over the railing and made a clean catch.

It was ruled a ground rule double and Wayne Kirby scored on the play for a 1-0 lead. Manny Ramirez then singled to left to make it 3-0. Ramirez had three hits and three RBIs.

Yankees 7, Tigers 1  
Tony Fernandez hit a three-run homer and three bullpen pitchers

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division			
	W	L	Pct.
Boston	33	23	.589
Detroit	28	28	.498
New York	28	29	.475
Baltimore	25	31	.446
Toronto	20	34	.370

Central Division			
	W	L	Pct.
Cleveland	38	17	.681
Kansas City	30	24	.556
Minnesota	30	24	.556
Chicago	23	31	.428
Minnesota	17	39	.304

West Division			
	W	L	Pct.
California	33	24	.579
Texas	33	24	.579
Oakland	31	27	.534
Seattle	29	28	.509

worked the full nine innings for host New York as it won its sixth straight. Scott Bankhead, Bob McDonald (1-1) and Joe Ausanio allowed a combined seven hits. New York manager Buck Showalter decided to use his bullpen instead of starting Jack McDowell on three days' rest.

Red Sox 6, Blue Jays 5  
Boston's Bill Haslam hit a broken-bat home run with one out in the 11th to hand visiting Toronto its eighth consecutive loss.

Haslam's first homer of the year was the only hit in 4½ innings off reliever Woody Williams (0-2). Derek Lilliquist (2-1) earned the win with a perfect 11th.

Roger Clemens allowed four hits over seven innings and struck out five.

White Sox 8, Twins 6  
Rookie Ray Durham hit a three-run triple as Chicago extended its season-best winning streak to five games, while handling Minnesota its 12th loss in the last 13 home games.

Durham lined his three-base hit off Mark Guthrie with two outs in the seventh to make it 7-2. Dave Martinez and Ron Karkovics each hit solo homers for Chicago, which lost slugger Frank Thomas with a stiff back midway through the game. He is listed as day-to-day.

John Abbot (4-3) pitched six-plus innings, allowing 10 hits.

Orioles 11, Brewers 3  
John DeSantis won his first major league start and rookie Mamey Alexander drove in four runs as host Milwaukee lost its fifth straight.

Alexander, who had five RBIs in

his first 40 games, drove in three on a bases-loaded double in the sixth and narrowly missed a three-run homer in the seventh.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

Mets 2, Marlins 0  
Bill Pulsipher earned his first major league victory, striking out nine in 7½ innings and pitching New York to a road win.

Pulsipher (1-2), hit hard by Houston and Philadelphia in his first two starts, allowed three hits and walked five.

The 21-year-old left-hander, leading the International League in strikeouts when he was promoted, escaped a first-and-third jam in the first inning by retiring Jeff Conine on a pop, striking out Andre Dawson and getting Terry Pendleton on a grounder.

Butch Henry and Mel Rojas combined to hand host Atlanta its first shutout of the season.

The loss left Boston as the only team in the majors that has not been blanked this year.

Wil Cordero and Moises Alou hit solo home runs in the first inning, sending the Expos to only their third victory in 13 games. Atlanta had won three in a row.

Reds 12, Phillies 3  
Pitcher John Smiley hit his second home run of the season, helping himself win for the sixth time in seven starts for visiting Cincinnati.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division			
	W	L	Pct.
Philadelphia	37	18	.675
Atlanta	33	24	.579
Montreal	29	28	.500
Pittsburgh	29	28	.500
New York	21	37	.362

Central Division			
	W	L	Pct.
Cincinnati	35	21	.625
Houston	30	28	.519
St. Louis	29	29	.491
Philadelphia	25	35	.417
St. Louis	23	36	.387

West Division			
	W	L	Pct.
Colorado	31	26	.544
Los Angeles	31	27	.534
San Diego	29	28	.509
San Francisco	28	30	.483

# Devils looking to skate away

NEWARK (AP) — First the Stanley Cup champion New Jersey Devils said they planned to stick around. Now it looks like the team wants to skate off to Nashville, Tennessee next week.

In the latest saga in this ice soap opera, the Devils told the New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority in a letter sent Tuesday they want to terminate their franchise agreement as of July 6, claiming the authority has defaulted on the lease.

The authority said the letter comes as a "total shock" and the Devils had no basis for their claims. The day before, the team said it wanted out of the agreement after the 1996-97 season.

Devils president Lou Lamoriello downplayed the letter's importance.

The legal maneuvering comes as Devils fans prepared for a scheduled celebration last night outside the Brendan Byrne Arena, where the team captured its first NHL title Saturday in a four-game sweep of the Detroit Red Wings.

The dispute nearly overshadowed the Devils' playoff run. In April, the team sent a letter to the sports authority listing 13 areas in which they alleged the lease was breached, including the withholding of revenues.

The Devils also accused the authority of failing to allow them to audit the agency's books and records, which the team says it asked to do in January.

The sports authority fired a shot of its own Tuesday, filing a complaint in Superior Court in Bergen County seeking a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction. No court hearing has been set on the matter.

The two sides can't even agree on when the team's lease expires. The authority says it runs through the 2001-2002 season, with an option for another 10 years, but the Devils says the agreement is up after the 1996-97 season.

Tuesday's actions by the Devils could clear the way for owner John McMillen to move to Nashville, which has offered the club a lucrative financial package. Or it could be a bargaining tactic in extracting better terms from the state authority.

The recent offer from Nashville includes \$20 million to move and other incentives, such as more luxury boxes and a share of revenues from other events to be held at a 20,000-seat arena, which is scheduled to be completed in 1996.

Governor Christie Whitman, a close ally of McMillen, said the sports authority has no choice but to pursue court action to protect the taxpayers.

While the Devils' fate is up in the air, fans are just concerned with celebrating and don't seem to mind if it's in a parking lot.

Said Bill Nunn of East Rutherford, "They could hold the celebration anywhere and we'd come."

# Thirdkill signs with Herzliya

BRIAN FREEMAN

BNEI HERZLIYA has added another off-season acquisition, signing foreigner David Thirdkill.

Thirdkill averaged 19.5 points with Hapoel Holon last season and was a stalwart on Hapoel Tel Aviv for the previous two years. He joins Lior Arditi, Ofer Heisler, Amir Mukhtari and Steve Malevic as new members of the team.

Herzliya's second foreign player is John Hudson, who starts his third season with the club.

In other local basketball news, Guy Goodes has signed a new four-year pact to remain with Maccabi Tel Aviv. Goodes has played five seasons with Maccabi after spending the first four years of his career with Hapoel Haifa.

Maccabi also obtained Brad Leaf from Hapoel Galil Elyon and Tomer Steinhilber from Hapoel Holon.

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# Hefetz warns of infiltration by Russian mafia

BILL HUTMAN

THE Russian mafia has laundered \$4 billion in Israel in recent years, and is trying to infiltrate everything from businesses to political parties here, Police Insp.-Gen. Assaf Hefetz said yesterday, upon returning from a trip to Russia, Ukraine, and Hungary.

"Police action is not enough. It will take a combined effort of the law enforcement, immigration and tax authorities, to contain the Russian mafia," said Cmdr. Yossi Levy, who accompanied Hefetz.

"We must act, and quickly," said Levy, who is head of the investigations division. The two spoke at a press conference at Ben-Gurion Airport.

Russian criminals are entering Israel either as immigrants or with the help of immigrants, and the Law of Return needs to be re-examined to prevent this from continuing, the two officers said.

While stopping short of saying the law needs to be changed, Hefetz and Levy said the Law of Return allows for authorities here to take steps to prevent those with criminal records from entering the country.

Levy said Russian authorities have agreed to help the Israel Police check out potential immigrants to see whether they are connected with the mafia.

Police are also recommending legislation be implemented to prevent the laundering of money here, by requiring investors to declare the source of their finances.

Hefetz repeated the warning already voiced by Police Minister Moshe Shabai that the Russian mafia has apparently decided to infiltrate the political system here.

"The fall of the Soviet empire opened up the borders to the Russian mafia," according to Hefetz, who said some 300 major mafia gangs operate in the former Soviet state.

The Russian mafia has invested some \$30b. in recent years, with Israel's take of \$4b. making it one of the most popular spots for Russia's organized criminals.

The gruesome double-murder of a Russian immigrant grandmother and grandson in Ramat Aviv earlier this month was mafia-related, and should serve to warn of the need to strike quickly against Russian criminals, Hefetz said.

"The Russian mafia is taking advantage of the immigration. But it is important not to give the wrong impression that all Russian immigrants are involved. Only a very few are," Levy said.

A special squad of 20 detectives has been set up to deal exclusively with organized crime.



Members of a United Jewish Appeal delegation dance near the Western Wall yesterday upon arrival from Kiev, after placing notes in the Wall given to them by young Jews attending Jewish Agency summer camps there. The delegates are here to attend the Jewish Agency Assembly.

## Visa problems threatening Jordanian tourism

BILL HUTMAN

PLANS by thousands of Jordanians to visit Jerusalem in the coming months are in danger because of the Interior Ministry's inability to process their visas, a senior ministry official said yesterday.

The Foreign Ministry has warned the Interior Ministry of the negative political fallout of not allowing the Jordanians in, according to the official, Yosef Tov, the ministry's Population Department director.

"The Foreign Ministry told us the Jordanians would not look upon the situation very well. They would think it was intentional,"

and not understand it was a bureaucratic problem, Tov told *The Jerusalem Post*.

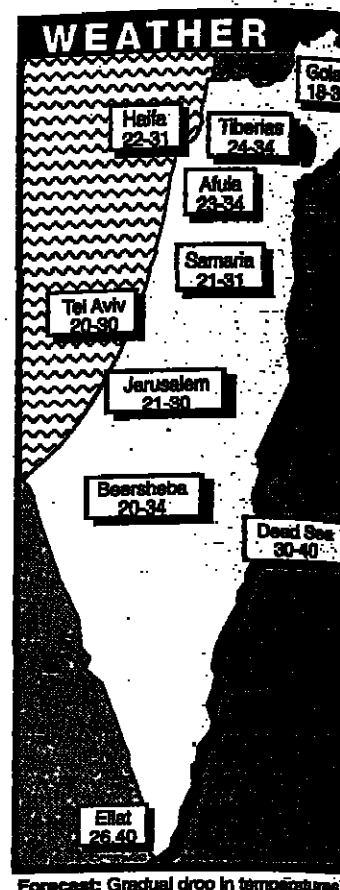
However, without additional manpower, many of the visas will not be processed or will be delayed, Tov said.

Yesterday, the ministry's eastern Jerusalem office - which must process many of the requests by Jordanians for visas - was reopened, after being temporarily shut down last week by acting Interior Minister David Liba'i because of a lack of manpower and facilities.

Tov said the six additional clerks for the eastern Jerusalem office the Treasury agreed to fund were not enough, and that another six were needed immediately at the office, on Nabius Road just outside the Old City.

"We have never faced so much work," Tov said. He said he hoped the situation would be eased with the addition of new office space next month.

However, without the additional manpower, the potential Jordanian visitors, and eastern Jerusalem Arabs who depend on the office, will continue to face long delays.



## AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW	HIGH	WIND	CLD
Amsterdam	14	27	11	partly cloudy
Berlin	11	22	12	partly cloudy
Buenos Aires	22	28	14	partly cloudy
Calcutta	22	32	15	partly cloudy
Chicago	10	20	12	partly cloudy
Copenhagen	17	27	13	partly cloudy
Frankfurt	17	27	13	partly cloudy
Geneva	17	27	13	partly cloudy
Hong Kong	27	31	11	partly cloudy
Jakarta	27	31	11	partly cloudy
London	17	27	13	partly cloudy
Los Angeles	18	28	14	partly cloudy
Madrid	13	23	12	partly cloudy
Moscow	13	23	12	partly cloudy
New York	12	22	11	partly cloudy
Paris	17	27	13	partly cloudy
Rome	17	27	13	partly cloudy
Stockholm	17	27	13	partly cloudy
Tokyo	21	31	11	partly cloudy
Toronto	18	28	14	partly cloudy
Vancouver	18	28	14	partly cloudy
Zurich	15	25	12	partly cloudy

## US shares proceeds from drug bust with Israel

Police forces catch Israeli-led gang

BOSTON (Reuters) - US officials on Tuesday shared with Israeli government envoys the proceeds from assets seized from drug traffickers captured and prosecuted in the United States with the help of the Israel Police.

In what is believed to be the first time such confiscated assets have been shared out between governments, the US attorney in Boston, Donald Stern, presented a check for nearly \$35,000 to Israel's Consul-General Asher Yarden.

The funds came from the sale of assets seized from an international drug ring led by Israeli national Shmuel David, 16 members of which were convicted in 1989 of distributing hundreds of kilograms of cocaine in the Bos-

ton area. David is currently serving a 33-year prison term.

"While drug trafficking is an international phenomenon, not every country is willing to take concrete steps to eradicate this dangerous activity," Stern remarked.

"These monies are a small token of our deep appreciation for all the cooperation provided by Israeli authorities," he added.

The Israel Police helped US authorities smash the ring by conducting surveillance and telephone taps of conversations in Hebrew by members of the drug ring.

Stern said the traffickers were planning to bring regular large shipments of cocaine into the United States.

## World Airways NY-TA flights starting Sunday

MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK

ENTERING the Israeli market as Delta Air Lines prepares to leave, World Airways will begin nonstop service between New York and Tel Aviv on Sunday.

The airline will have three round-trip flights a week on MD-11s, with two classes of service, business and economy, the company announced Tuesday. They also promised prices would be comparable to deals being offered by El Al and Tower Air.

Tel Aviv is the cornerstone of the airline's move into long-haul, scheduled service, said Charles Pollard, the company's president.

There is no risk of overcapacity of carriers into Israel, the company said, noting that Delta will stop its

flights in September, leaving an estimated 8 to 10 percent of the market open.

Security will be provided by the Israeli firm ICTS. The Hebrew-speaking flight staff will be recruited in the US, although they may be sought in Israel at a later date, the company said.

Responding to some uniquely Israeli concerns, World Airways said there would be priority lines for business travelers, who might be richer than other passengers with long delays at check-in for Tel Aviv-bound flights. However, some delay will be inevitable, Pollard said, because "we treat security very seriously."

## Israel Defense Prize awarded

A JOINT team made up of Israel Industries-TAAS, Rafael, air force and Defense Ministry employees was awarded the Israel Defense Prize yesterday for work on developing a weapons system for the air force.

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'Fire whoever leaked IDF secrets'

WASHINGTON

WHETHER LEAKING THE security details of Golda Meir's security detail should be considered a crime, the Israeli government is considering the issue.

"To stop this kind of military espionage, we are going to have a law that will make it a crime to leak military and security information," said a senior official.

"I think someone who leaks secrets about the military is a traitor," he said. "He should be punished."

Chief of Staff Shimon Peres said that the law would be a "strong message" to anyone who leaks military secrets. He said that the law would be a "strong message" to anyone who leaks military secrets.

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